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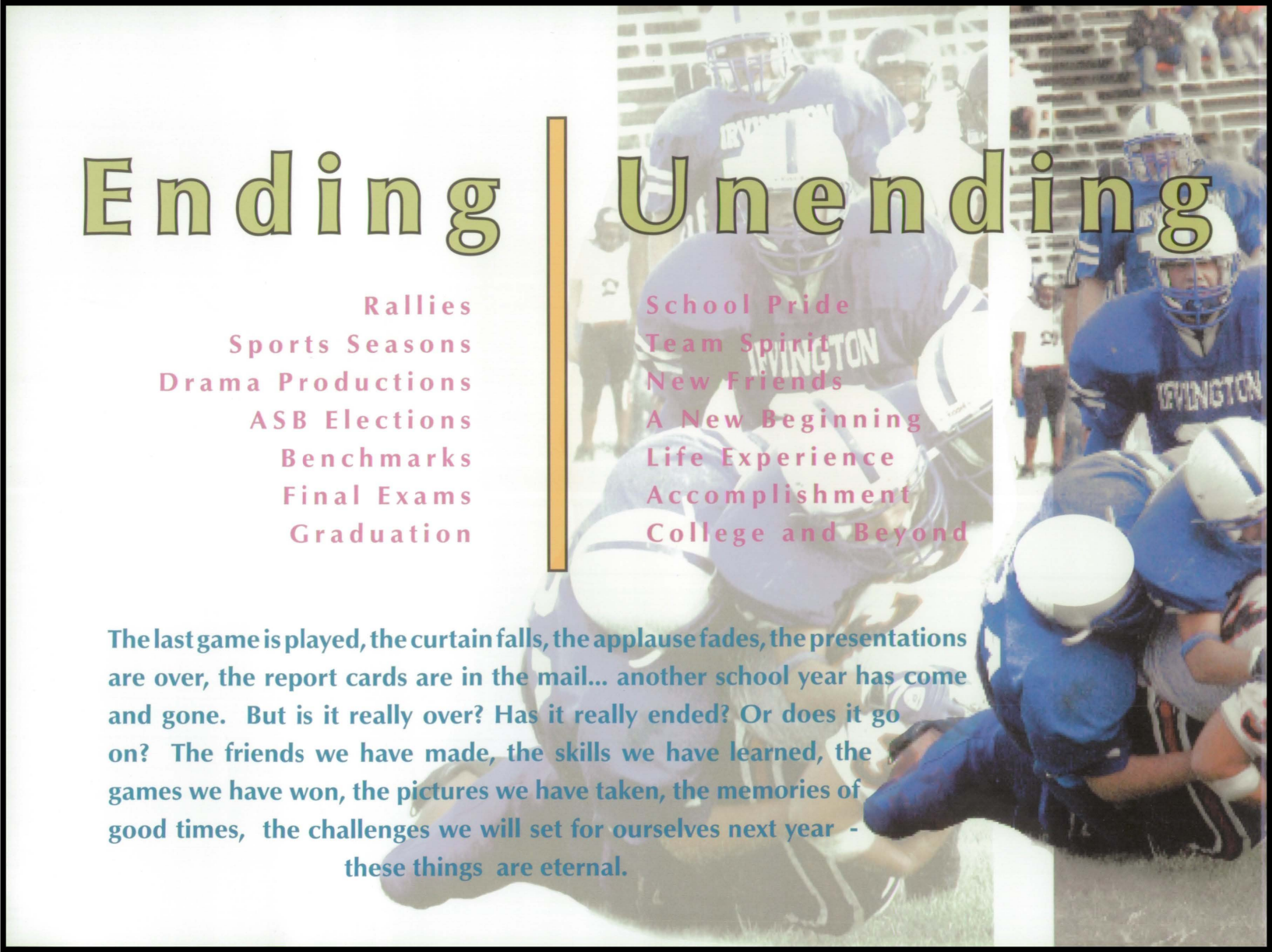
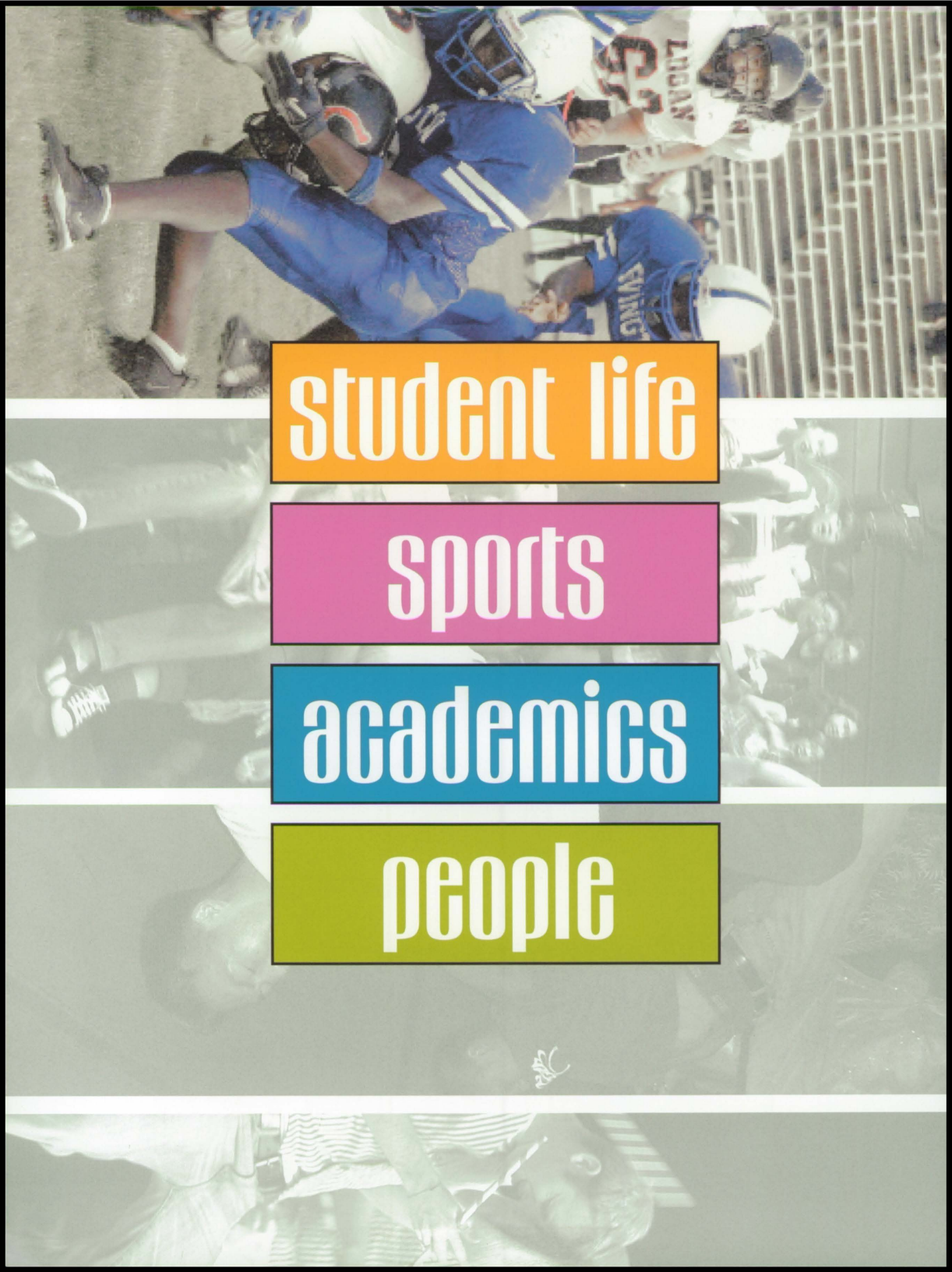


The last game is played, the curtain falls, the applause fades, the presentations are over, the report cards are in the mail... another school year has come and gone. But is it really over? Has it really ended? Or does it go on? The friends we have made, the skills we have learned, the games we have won, the pictures we have taken, the memories of good times, the challenges we will set for ourselves next year - these things are eternal.



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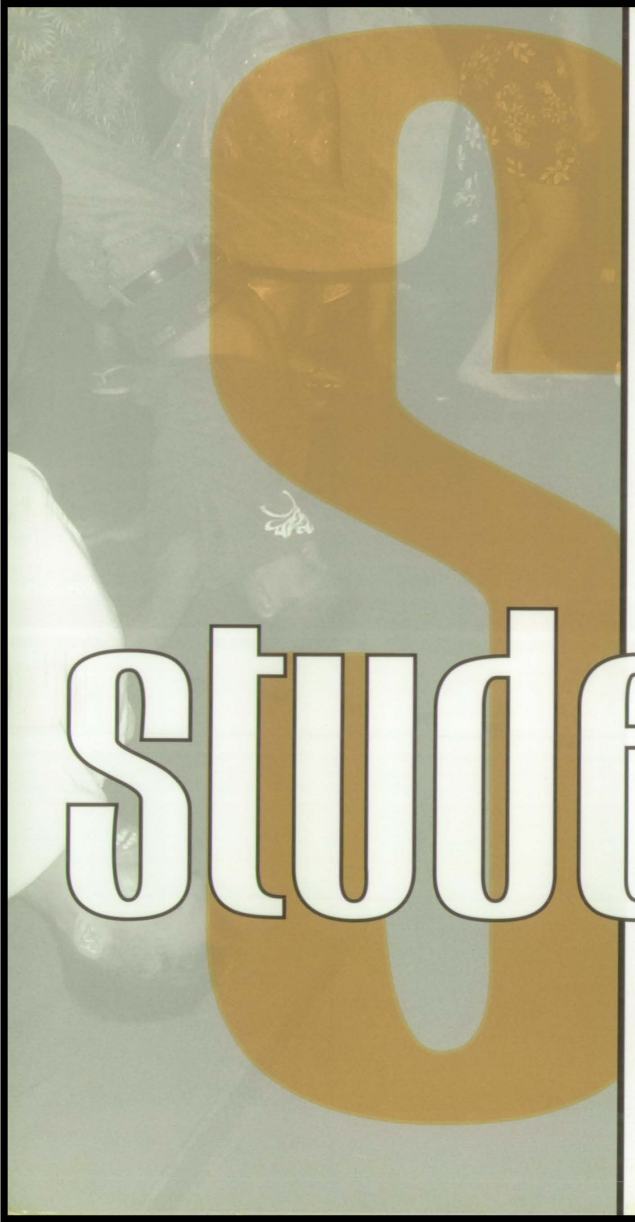

student life

I am the last person to be telling you about student life. It's funny how everyone remembers the homecoming game, rallies, dances, proms, drama productions, etc. As a student with no life herself, I find it hard to believe that anyone reading this could relate with what I remember from Prom. I bought these ugly shoes that made me at least six feet tall and I towered above my date. I was completely embarrassed when he stood on a chair and was about the same height as me. He thought it was funny, I thought it was funny when he tried to step off the chair and got punch all over his blue tuxedo. I guess its stuff like that that sticks with you for the rest of your life. Who knows, maybe I do have a life after all.

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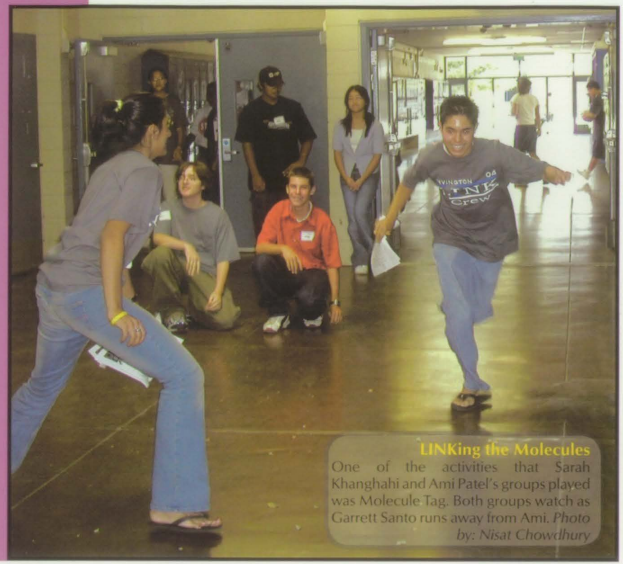

LINKing the Molecules
One of the activities that Sarah Khanghahi and Ami Patel's groups played was Molecule Tag. Both groups watch as Garrett Santo runs away from Ami. *Photo by: Nisat Chowdhury*

Linked together

"I was kind of Intimidated"

Matching the old with the new

By Jessica Chen & Caitlin Gallacher

8:00- The gym door opened and the freshmen entered to cheering LINK Leaders. "It was the first time I had ever been to Irvington and I was kind of intimidated," said Nabiha Baseer.

9:00- The day began with the Balloon Relay, Simon Says, and the Get to Know You game. Once everyone left to their designated classrooms they began playing several different activities. First, **The Number Game** where they had to count to 20 without two people consecutively saying the same number. **Hot Handle & Team Juggling,** which both helped people learn names; and the **Life Stories** where each person answered six different questions and gave an illustration for each answer.

10:00- Break in the courtyard; chips and juice were served. 25 minutes later, everyone went back to their classrooms and played the most challenging game: **64 squares**. The frustration was inevitable but the point was to learn that you can not do everything alone and will sometimes need to depend on others to help you through a difficult challenge.

11:00- Before the end of the day, all the LINK Leaders dressed their freshmen in various costumes and designs and gave them a tour around the campus. While on the walk, the Leaders were able to answer questions and give what they believed was significant advice. "The most important advice I gave was for them to be themselves, get involved and have fun," said Tiffany Nunes, a senior.

12:00- The day ended in the gym with a closing speech from Ms. Julie Myers. Freshman MiLan Tran said, "It was a good way to get to know more people and I really liked the activities in the gym."

House of Cards
Walking by the chemistry classroom, Cheryl Stone & Sharene Chen receive advice about high school from their LINK Leader Vy Lu. *Photo by: Garrett Santo*

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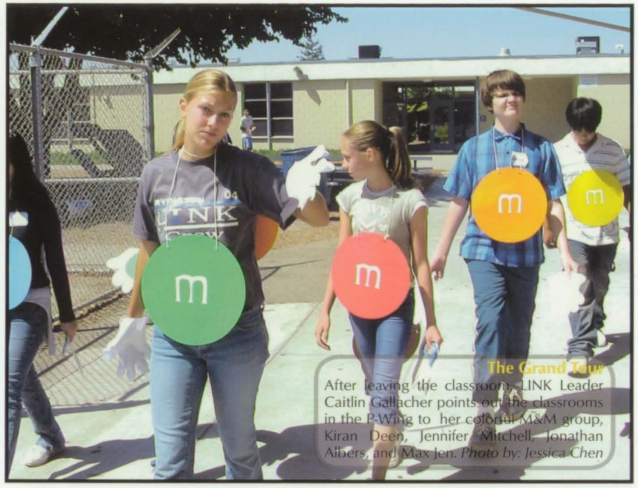
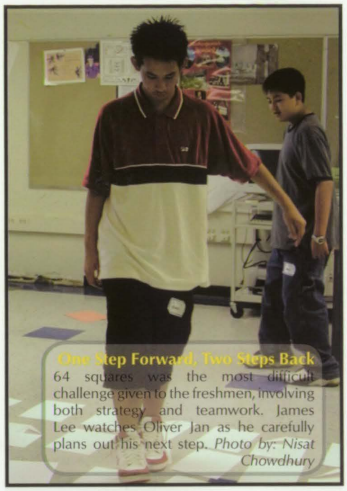


The Grand Tour
After leaving the classroom, LINK Leader Caitlin Gallacher points out the classrooms in the P-Wing to her colorful M&M group, Kiran Deen, Jennifer Mitchell, Jonathan Albers, and Max Jen. *Photo by: Jessica Chen*



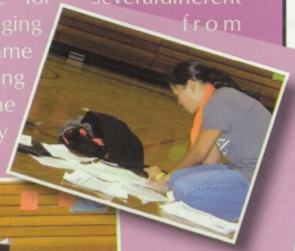
One Step Forward, Two Steps Back
64 squares was the most difficult challenge given to the freshmen, involving both strategy and teamwork. James Lee watches Oliver Jan as he carefully plans out his next step. *Photo by: Nisat Chowdhury*

Not a Conformist
While giving them a tour around the campus, LINK Leador, Sarah Sheikh, encourages Dale Lai, Stephen O'Neil and the rest of her LINK group to be proud of what they're wearing. The orientation was a good opportunity for freshmen to get to know the Irvington campus. *Photo by: Nisat Chowdhury*

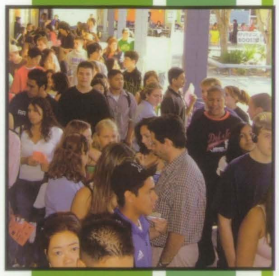
'08 Babies!
As the '08 Babies of Karen Yan's group tour the school campus, Jevin Saini, Steven Medeiros, and Samina Reedy excitedly look around to what fun the coming school year will bring. "Touring the school got me more comfortable because the school was so big to me before," says Jevin. *Photo by: Garret Santo*

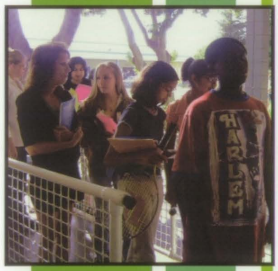
LET'S GET THE PARTY STARTED

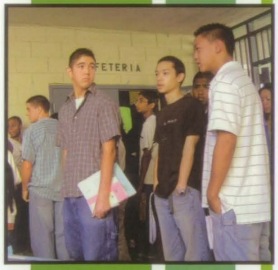
7 o'clock. Yes, I said it. 7 o' clock, Friday morning (summer no less) was the time all the LINK leaders had to arrive at school. Everyone was eager to come and wait for the doors to open for the incoming freshmen class. However, before anything could happen, the LINK Leaders had to prepare for several different tasks ranging from organizing name tags to taping numbers onto the wall. Before they knew it, it was

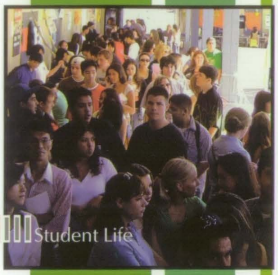


time. LINK Leaders took their positions from sitting on the bleachers to standing behind the name tag booth. Finally, the doors were open...
"Here we go"









MAZE is Corn

Kids standing in lines, like Disneyland but with more paperwork

Helping the Hopeless
By the time Nitin Tandan and Richard Van reached Brian Estrada and Joseph Chun they were more than ready to find their lockers and register their locks. *Photo by: Garrett Santo*

By Joviana Carrillo

"Psh, I can't believe I'm here so early..." I complained sinking deeper and deeper into my chair so no one I knew would see me in my mother's minivan.

"You're going to have to wake up earlier to get to zero period when school starts-"

"ARGH!" I cut her off and she turned the radio louder to cover up my "woe-is-me"s and "who-needs-school"s. I gave her a look of unamusement but she kept driving.

"First line!" I yelled rather loudly until I saw it, lines of tenth graders. Some armed with hair spray and bobby pins. Others looked like they had gotten in a fight with a lawn mower and lost. Impatiently, I crossed and uncrossed my arms. My mother, as with most, tried fixing my hair. My hair - two sausage rolls on either side of my face. They were flipped out like Farrah Faucett in the 80s. Looking back at my picture now, I really regret it.

I got up to the photographer and squinted my eyes at the light. "Move your hand here," I did. "Now your foot goes here," I did. "Wrong foot, put your right foot in-"

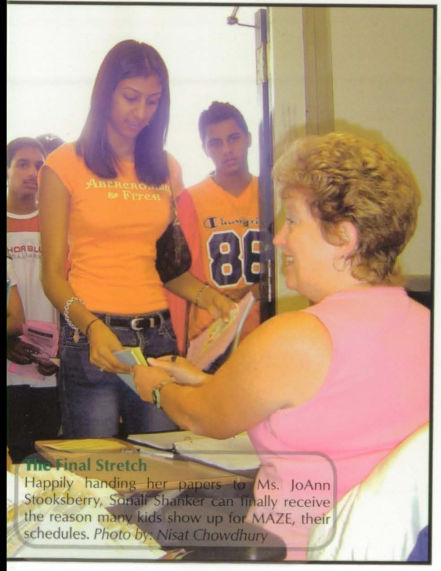
"And put your right foot out, and you shake it all about." I said in a sing song voice.

The photographer didn't find it as funny as I did.

Besides thoroughly pissing off the photographer I also managed to ditch my mother in the Viking Vendor line (sorry mom), accidently write the combination of my lock on the back of my lock (causing me to have to go buy a new lock), spend about twenty minutes banging on the door of room 55 screaming, "TALLORIN! I KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE!" Overall, MAZE wasn't *that* bad.

Adrift And Another Line
After finally reaching the front of the Viking Vendor line, Jasmine Singh hands in her papers while Shan Howerton nurses a headache. Zeyuan Pan waits a little longer in the background. *Photo by: Garrett Santo*

Going Clubbin'
MAZE day is a prime time for clubs to attract new members. Not only are clubs out in full force, but class officers are trying to sign up prospective benchbuilders. *Photo by: Nisat Chowdhury*



The Final Stretch
Happily handing her papers to Ms. JoAnn Stooksberry, Sonali Shanker can finally receive the reason many kids show up for MAZE, their schedules. *Photo by: Nisat Chowdhury*

Three Cups of WHAT?!?
Looking in disbelief, Owais Mahesri has Priyal Sheth, Gagan Hothi, Lauren Ritchie and Mr. Steven Musto, try to help with the recipe for We the People's root beer floats. *Photo by: Nisat Chowdhury*

LINING THEM UP

The Long List of Linear Lines:

Line #1: Photo Card
Length: "It's not that bad" long
Wait Time: Not as long as your friend who you cut in front of.

Line #2: Get Picture Taken
Length: "Another line?" long
Wait Time: Long enough for you to push your hair back, put more lip gloss on, push your hair back to where it was with time to spare.

Line #3: Viking Vendor Line
Length: "Oh my..." long
Wait Time: Long enough to leave your mom in line for you.

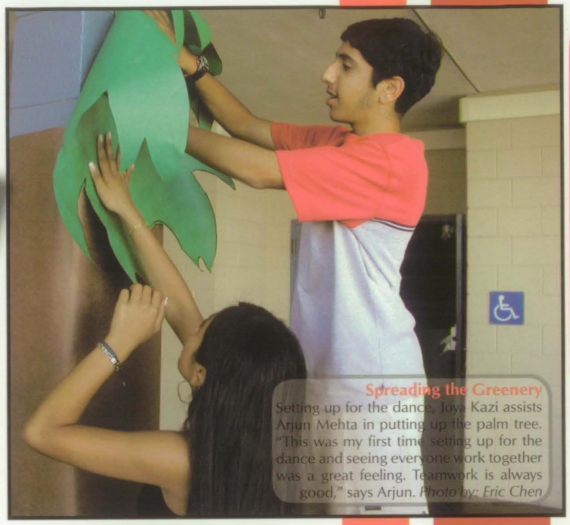
Line #4: Get Schedules
Length: "Are we done yet?" long
Wait Time: Enough time for you to contemplate if you really needed to sign up for zero period.

Line #5: Advisory Sign Up
Length: "Just get me out of here" long
Wait Time: As long as it took you to convince your friend to sign up for one of the speciality advisories with you.

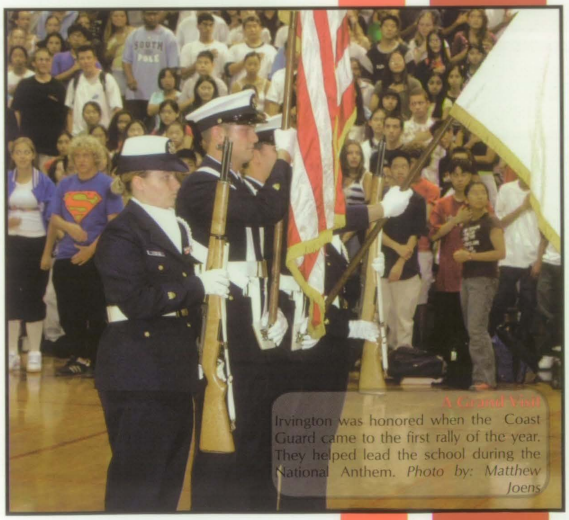
SILLY SPIRIT

Being part of the goof Troop requires spirit and an endless supply of enthusiasm at the rallies. Goof troop member Justin Wang explains, "The Goof Troop is all about getting the audience hyped up and giving out free stuff at rallies." Some of the many assortments of

free items that the Goof Troop shoot out on their slingshots are Irvington T-shirts, pom poms, candy, and footballs.



Spreading the Greenery
Setting up for the dance, Joya Kazi assists Arjun Mehta in putting up the palm tree. "This was my first time setting up for the dance and seeing everyone work together was a great feeling. Teamwork is always good," says Arjun. *Photo by: Eric Chen*



A Grand Visit
Irvington was honored when the Coast Guard came to the first rally of the year. They helped lead the school during the National Anthem. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*

Aloha HULA

By Eric Chen

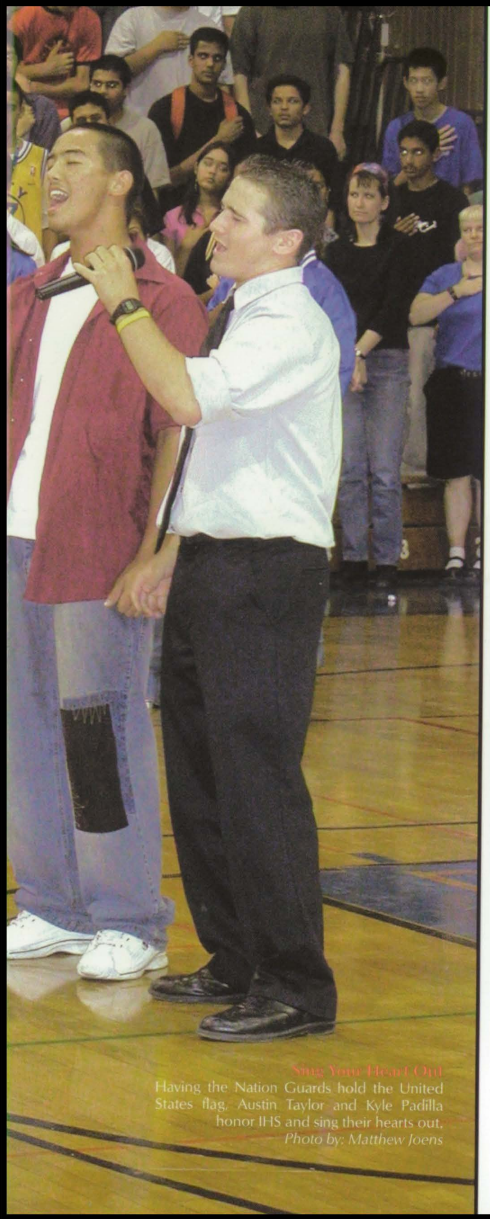
A Hawaiin theme offers a warm welcome back

What better way is there to get Irvington pumped up for the new school year than to have a hello rally and dance? The rally itself was sensational. It started out with surprise guests, who happened to be two of the Golden State Warrior cheerleaders. The goof troop came out and raised the crowd into a frenzy of energy and class chants. Following that was the traditional national anthem, which was sung by Austin Taylor and Kyle Padilla. Two lucky students, Sean Dahl and Thomas Edwards were selected as the most spirted and got the chance to sit on the spirt couch with the two cheerleaders. In the middle of the rally the goof troop came out again and started throwing t-shirts, mini footballs, tiny megaphones, and candy into the crowd. After the unique rally experience, the drumline played their rythmic beat in the courtyard.

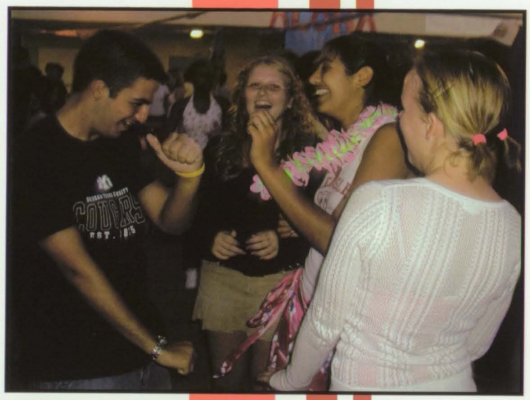
The dance, themed Lilo and Stitch, brought together an interesting Hawaiian decor. Held outside in the courtyard with Johnson Jeng as the DJ, people danced enthusiastically into the new year.

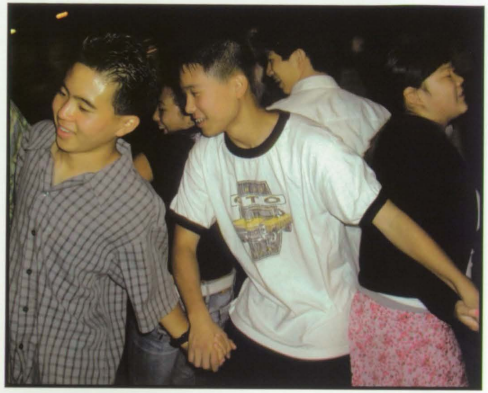
What most people didn't see were the hours put into preparing this extravaganza. Before the dance started SAGA Yearbook observed ASB member's as they prepared.

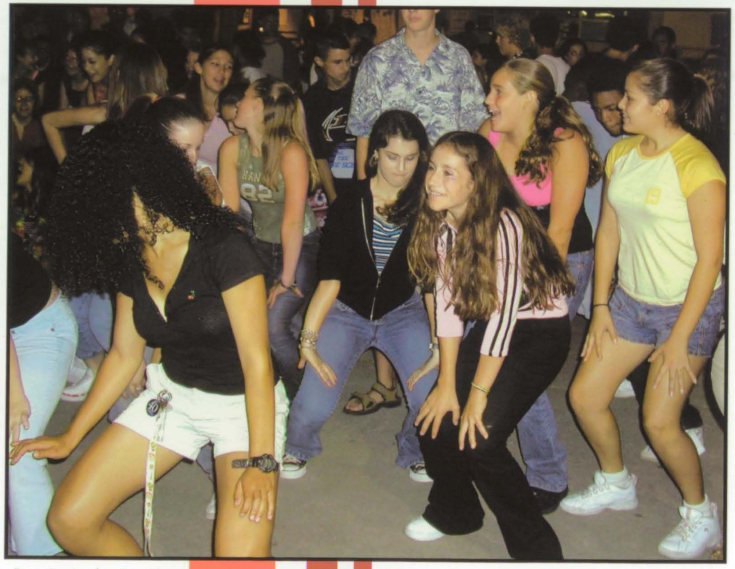
3:00 - First group of ASB member's made decorations.
4:00 - First group set up courtyard.
5:00 - Second group set up.
6:00 - Second group finished and cleaned up.
7:00 - Students began to arrive.



Sing Your Heart Out
Having the Nation Guards hold the United States flag, Austin Taylor and Kyle Padilla honor IHS and sing their hearts out. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*







Associated Student Boogie
Proving ASB isn't all about work, junior class vice president James Grant and sophomore council members Dana Percoco, Trisha Mittal, and Lainey Seaton strut their stuff at the first dance of the year. *Photo by: Eric Chen*

Feel the Love
With grins on their faces, Ryan Ichikawa, John Kuan, and Jasmine Chung hold hands and dance together *Photo by: Eric Chen*

Do the Cha Cha With Me
During the Hello Dance, freshmen Sarah Sanders, Teresa Deluz, Maria Pasqual, Hannah Moreno, and Alisha Takesaka lead everyone in dancing by doing the Cha Cha Slide. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

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Breaking Free
To start the rally, J.D. Whitfield surprised the school by emerging from the black bag at the center of the gym. Justin Wang assists J.D. in breaking free from the confines of the duffel bag. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*

Seniors Break Loose
During the Senior Day, the senior class kidnaps Ms. Karen De Baca Martens during first period. Taping her to a chair they carry her through the halls. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*

How do you feel?

Behind the scenes information from the performers themselves

Irvington

Final Step
Performing at the hello rally, Chris Boswell makes a final move as Joseph Carrethers and Patrick Ballard lay down on the floor to complete the dance. The team called the dance "We get it crackin.' " *Photo by: Eric Chen*

By Kevin Phan

We always sit back and enjoy the performances of the rallies but never truly understand what the performers think, feel, or do to get ready. Taking a look at "the behind the scenes" gives us a deeper appreciation of the rallies.

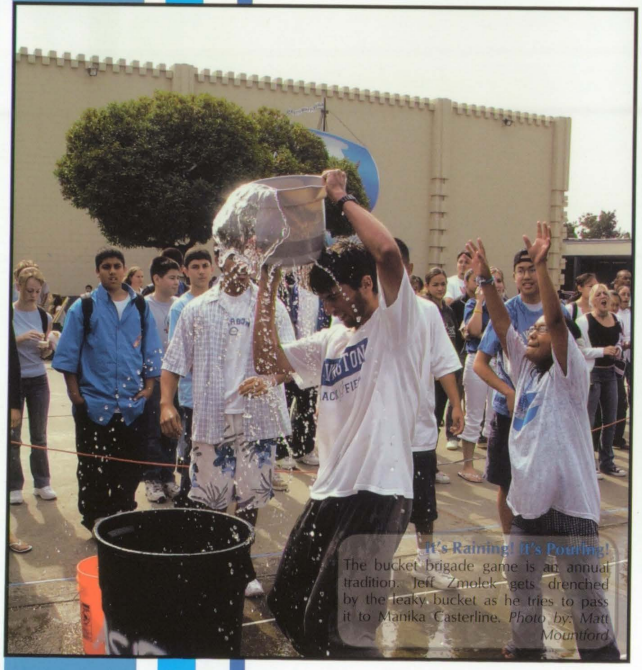
"We had a professional singer come to train us. We spent a lot of time out of class and we were very serious about it. We probably practiced 20 times before the rally," said Victoria Lin.

"My group and I prepared for about four weeks. We went out and did our thing because we dance together anyway. I was more excited than nervous," said an estatic Joseph Carrethers.

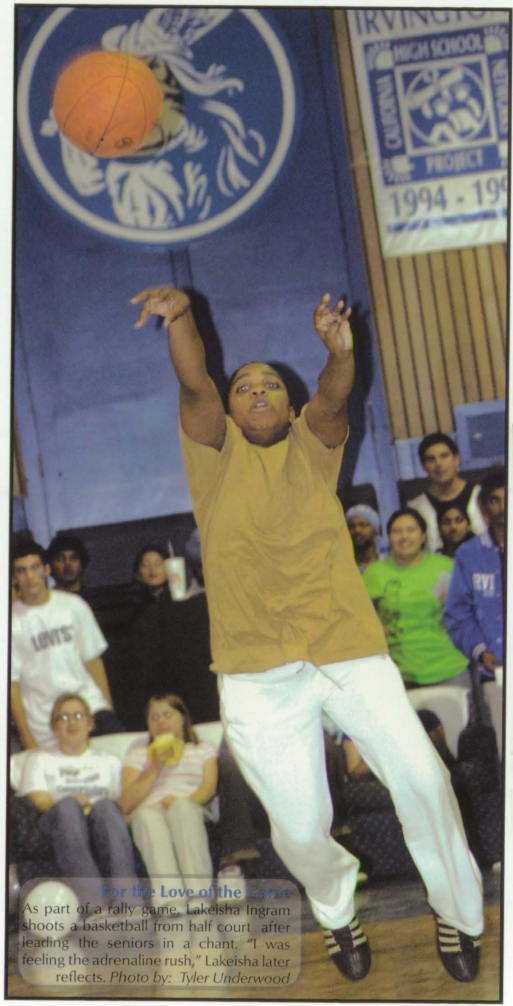
"To practice for the show we set up in the gym and ran through it a bunch of times until we knew what we were doing. I did back handsprings, aerials, and front handsprings," said gymnast Lauren Barto.

"I used to be on varsity basketball and I'm not now because of an injury. I remember when I went up there I felt the love of the game. When I went to take the shot I thought that I was about to make this. When I didn't make it, I wasn't sad. I felt pretty good since I haven't played sports for a while," said Lakeisha Ingram.

Future Jamba Juice Employees
Hard at work on their concoctions, Beverly Koloko-Green and Steven Randolph mix the fruits for their fellow classmates. The senior class won this competition by finishing the fastest. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*



It's Raining! It's Pouring!
The bucket brigade game is an annual tradition. Jeff Zmolek gets drenched by the leaky bucket as he tries to pass it to Manika Casterline. *Photo by: Matt Mountford*



For the Love of the Game
As part of a rally game, Lakeisha Ingram shoots a basketball from half court after leading the seniors in a chant. "I was feeling the adrenaline rush," Lakeisha later reflects. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*

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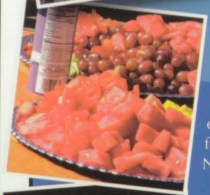
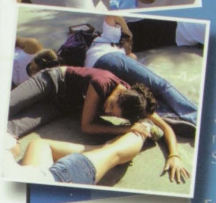
RULES OF THE GAME

Monday - Two players (one blindfolded) try to pop balloons between their bodies. "I didn't know what was in the balloons until I got mustard all over my shirt," said junior Vy Lu.

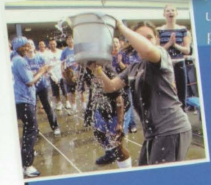


Tuesday - Teams of three had to toss fruit to one another, make smoothies, then eat it out of a dog bowl. "Everything tasted fine except the tomatoes and the fruit tasted weird," said senior Nick Perelegos.

Wednesday - Students race scooters while picking pieces of clothing. Then they need to dress up a lucky contestant to make the best-looking costume.



Thursday - Students had to get kids together to form the shape of their graduating year. "We just grabbed the freshmen out of the crowd and made them form the numbers," said freshman Raja Sadaji.



Friday - In an attempt to fill up buckets of water, students pass a leaking pail over their heads and under their legs. "At first I didn't want to play, but my friend dragged me in. It was my best Irvington experience by far," said a proud Adrienne Lam.

Corey Fujioka

Melissa Hill

Lizette Marquez

Amanda Mooney

Kat Ashley

Dancing with a Crown

ending a week of spirit with royalty

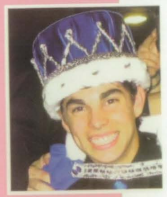
By Joviana Carrillo

I am shiny. I know this because as Liz Choo walks past the girls in the bleachers I instantly catch their eyes. As much as they say they don't want me, they do. It's good to know that after all these years I can still make the ladies swoon. I enjoy the last few moments I have with Liz and think about something other than how much I glitter in the light.

I see the crowd, cheering for their favorite nominee. The court pulls up in cars with their parents smiling and waving like royalty. Out of the cars and into their chairs; their breath comes out in nebulous clouds of heat. A few announcements and every girl is on the edge of their seat, dressed in their formal attire. The shoes, the hair, the bag, they have everything that is - except me.

Suddenly I'm moving and finally resting where I should be: atop Corey Fujioka's head. I match nicely with her dress and she smiles, stealing some of the attention away from me, (come to think of it - I've never seen a sign in the crowd saying 'GO TIARA!') but I don't mind. We'll be back next year to crown the class of '06.

A Moment of Joy
Celebrating their victory, homecoming queen Corey Fujioka embraces the newly crowned Mr. Viking, David Parsons.
Photo by: Kate Denis



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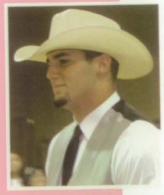

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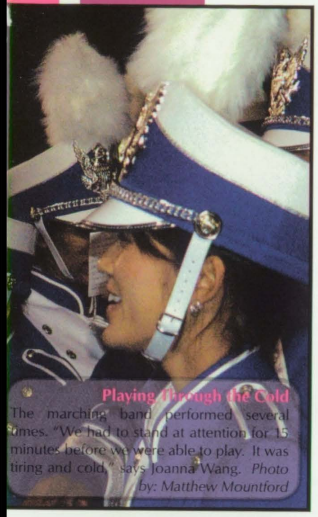
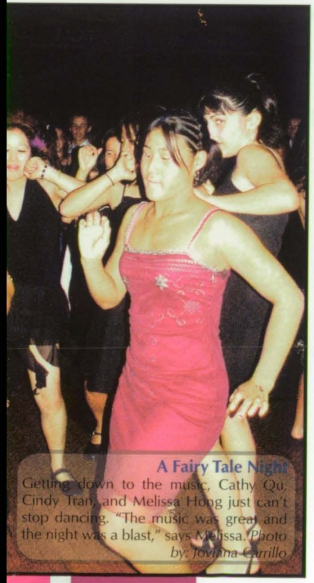
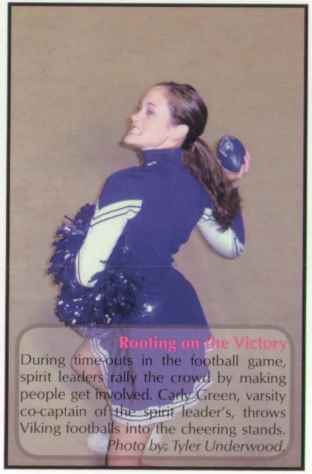


Playing Through the Cold
The marching band performed several times. "We had to stand at attention for 15 minutes before we were able to play. It was tiring and cold," says Joanna Wang. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

Proud to be a Viking
No one can claim that Vikings don't have spirit. Dressed from head to toe in Irvington paraphernelia, Cristena Mcandrews, Monica Morales, Kristen Osegueda, Laura Bernardin, Katie Attfield, Amanda Daricek, and Jamie Lastiri cheer wildly at the homecoming game. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*



A Fairy Tale Night
Getting down to the music, Cathy Qu, Cindy Tran, and Melissa Hong just can't stop dancing. "The music was great and the night was a blast," says Melissa. *Photo by: Jovana Carrillo*



Rooting on the Victory
During time-outs in the football game, spirit leaders rally the crowd by making people get involved. Carly Green, varsity co-captain of the spirit leader's, throws Viking footballs into the cheering stands. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*

Dancing in Glass Slippers
Smiling at her dance partner Jonathan Green, Jadyn Sewell moves to the music. Homecoming was a time to dress up and let loose. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

DUMPSTER COURT

All five of us squished together in the little gold car was just the beginning of this crazy night. Four of us staring blankly into the black nothing, imaginations running wild with ideas of our secret destination. The blindfolds helped our driver keep her secret; her mysterious yet cynical laugh filled the car egging on our emotions. One, two, three! Our hands clawed at the black cloth that was the sole barrier between us and the mystery destination. After moments of waiting, a form appeared in the darkness, big, blue, and piled high with interesting shapes and objects. We were in front of our beloved high school, staring at a dumpster full of cardboard tubing and scraps of wood from spirit week. Our captors told us to climb up the rusted ladder and in to the blue dumpster to sit atop our "thrones."

Knowing that our four years at Irvington have slowly been coming to an end, dumpster court gave us a chance to look back on all of things we had accomplished, and worked so hard for.

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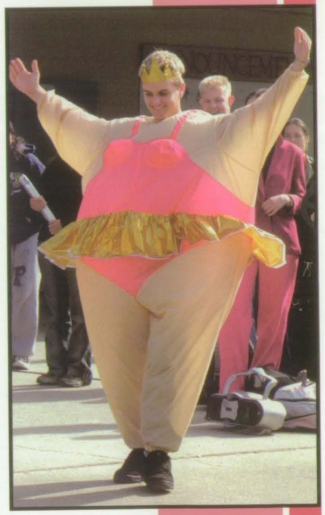
Ladies First
In the front of the line, Redmond Ramos waits nervously to recieve his thumbs up or down for his Granny outfit. Meanwhile, Alicia Starkey smiles confidently in her homemade flapper costume. *Photo by: Jack Hustings*



A Prima Ballerina?
Attempting a pirouette, Matthew Joens demonstrates his skills as a ballerina to sway the audience and judges in hopes of winning the Halloween contest. *Photo: Jack Husting*

Bust a Move!
Will Ferell and Chris Kattan have nothing on Stephanie Walker and Victoria Tang. Dancing like the Rocksbury Guys and with moves like those, they can get into any club in town. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

Freaky Friday

Stop Gool'n Around!

By Thuy-Nhu Le

At Irvington, Halloween is a holiday filled with candy, costumes, ghosts, and of course, ketchup and mustard. Even though Halloween didn't fall on a school day this year, we were still able to dress up and celebrate Irvington-style.

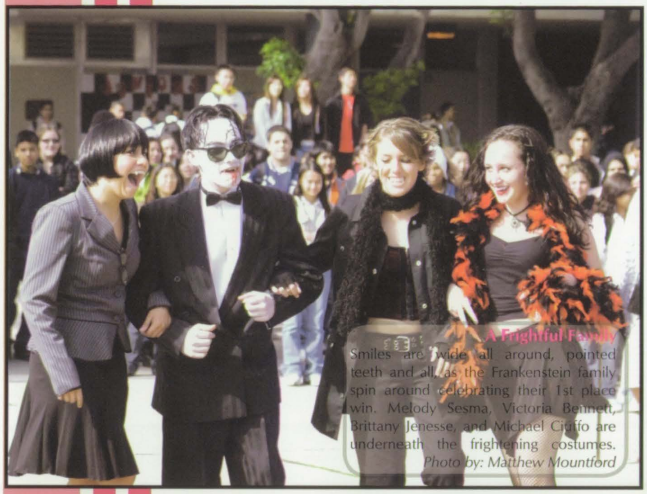
There was no attitude of Halloween being just for kids, and everyone, from teachers to students were dressed up. Throughout the day the halls were filled with vibrant costumes and smiling faces. From walking, talking milk carton to clowns with humongous shoes, there were costumes of every kind.

At lunch there was a costume contest with teachers as judges, critiqing contestants like "Ebert & Roeper." A thumbs up meant your costume was great and you would continue as a runner-up. As the contestants got narrowed down to only a few, the audience was allowed to decide the winner. Melody Sesma, Victoria Bennett, Brittany Jenesse, and Michael Ciuffo, dressed as the Frankenstein Family got the loudest applause, ending as the winners of the Halloween contest.

Not a frown could be found on the faces of students as they left for home, fueled by the spirit provided from Irvington's students and staff.

"It was **fun** dressing up and being **something** I'm not."

You Put a Spell on Me
Waving her wand while dancing across the floor in glittery fairy wings, it's no wonder that everyone was put under a spell. Anna Shull. *Photo by: Jack H*



A Frightful Family
Smiles are wide all around, pointed teeth and all, as the Frankenstein family spin around celebrating their 1st place win. Melody Sesma, Victoria Belmont, Brittany Jenesse, and Michael Ciriffo are underneath the frightening costumes. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

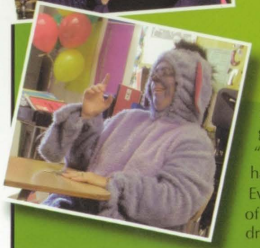
Working With Style
With a bright smile and an even brighter outfit, Sonia Garcia keeps the campus sparking after a hectic Halloween day. *Photo by: Jack Hustings*

STAFF OF SPOOKS

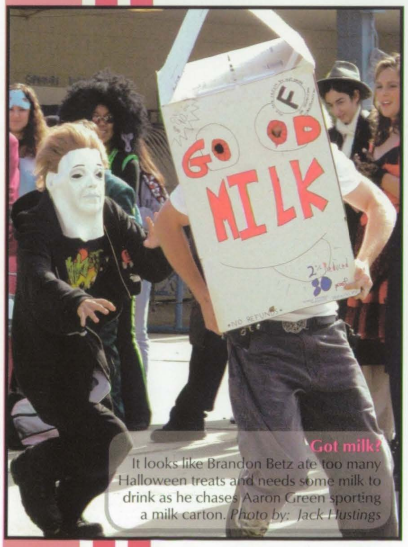
Dressed as a Naasai Maron, a Swahili warrior, it was no surprise that Mr. Gordon Sanford won first place in the teacher's annual Halloween costume contest.
"I spent 8 weeks in Africa with 5 warriors...they gave me a shield, made a spear, and painted my face in a special way. It was the most wonderful time in my life I won't forget."

Wearing a bright Hawaiian shirt and hot pink hair, Ms. Susan Paulsen's costume warmed up the room even during Halloween's chilly weather. "It's fun to be somebody different for the day other than a regular ole' teacher."

It seems Mr. John Macuk would rather be on the snowy slopes than teaching a class that is over energized by the Halloween spirit and candy. "There was plenty of spirit at Irvington and we celebrated it well. A lot of students dressed up and I liked it a lot."



Turning a frown upside down is easy for Ms. Antonacci Melissa even dressed as Eeyore, the usually gloomy Disney character. "Halloween's a day to have fun and just relax. Everybody had fun and a lot of the students and teachers dressed up. It was great."



Got milk?
It looks like Brandon Betz ate too many Halloween treats and needs some milk to drink as he chases Aaron Green sporting a milk carton. *Photo by: Jack Hustings*

Ketchup and Mustard For You
Kahlia Bratton and Jasmine Cancino play patty cake while waiting to enter the Halloween contest. *Photo by: Jack Hustings*

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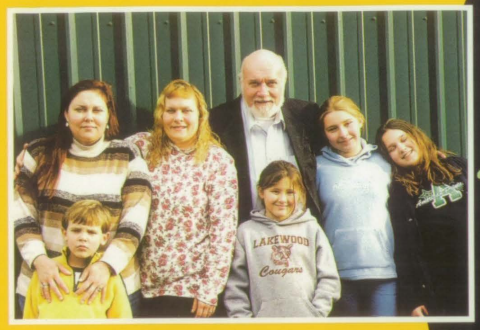


Operation: Home for Christmas

Acts of honesty, bravery, and kindness only happen in movies and fairy tales right? Mr. Jim Norton certainly believed so and decided to do something about it to motivate his students by reading them a story about a miracle.

The story was about a mother of three who barely had enough money for food, let alone for Christmas presents even though she worked late hours at a truck stop. When she went home on Christmas eve, she found a miracle: someone had filled her car with food and presents for Christmas.

The story struck a certain chord in Melissa Hill who decided to buy Mr. Norton a round trip plane ticket to see his grandchildren, knowing that he hadn't seen them in six years. Already feeling the need to do something good, the rest of Mr. Norton's fifth period class quickly pitched in $15 each.

"Once we had the idea it all boomed from there; the raising of money and finally giving the present to our teacher, Mr. Norton. He was pleased, and it made all of us realize we had done our good deed for the end of the year," says Melissa.

"There are no words," says Mr. Norton. "Sometimes the dictionary isn't adequate enough to express feelings. So let me say simply, thank you with all my heart. I am humbled beyond belief. I have never seen such an outpouring of love toward a teacher. To my 5th period, mission accomplished, a family reunited and mended."

Irvington's Believe It Or Not

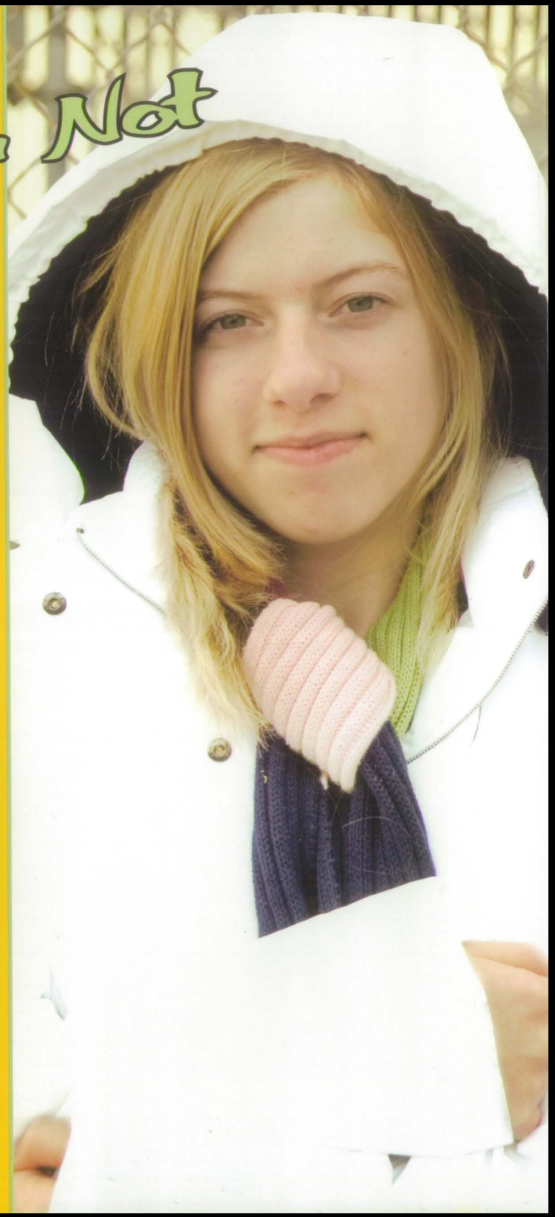
Ms. Confreeziality

On a beautiful warm day, just like many high school students, Michelle Sanborn (right) waded her way off of the Santa Cruz Beach and into the Pacific Ocean. But this fun day in the sun was about to turn into a life changing and unbelievable event.

After being in the cold water for only a few minutes, Michelle emerged with her skin covered in thick hives. A few moments later, she passed out and fell into a minor seizure from shock. Michelle went to the hospital, where, after many blood tests, it was determined that she has an extremely rare symptom called Cold-Induced Urticaria that makes her allergic to the cold.

As a sophomore in high school, Michelle still suffers from the allergy that her allergist says is the worst case he has seen in years. The only way that she can prevent her skin from breaking out is by taking medication, staying warm, and wearing many layers of clothes.

Other than carrying around a shot of adrenaline (epi-pen) in case of emergencies and wearing pants most of the year, Michelle has become quite used to her allergy and is a normal, loud, and talkative teenager.



"It's the true sign of a genius," says Spanish teacher Mr. Marshall as he watches his student Lee Anne Denyer (below) twist her nose in concentration. About a year ago, Lee Anne discovered that the stiff cartilage in her nose did not extend all the way through. As a result, she can not only push her nose almost completely flat, but twist it at a 90 degree angle.

Follow your nose, WHERE EVER it goes!

Gallon Challenge

Just how much can the stomach hold? It's a question that many students, particularly boys, ask themselves at one point or another in their teenage years. However, it was Jeff Zmolek (left) and Shan Howerton that actually put the question into action during a Cross Country practice.

After a quick trip to the store with the rest of the Cross Country Team, the "Gallon Challenge" was created. The challenge was to drink an entire gallon of milk in twenty minutes without vomiting. "It was all fun, and the milk was great, until halfway though. I started slowing down and started to feel really bloated and heavy," says Shan. Shan only finished half of the gallon, while Jeff came within seconds and gulps of completing the challenge.

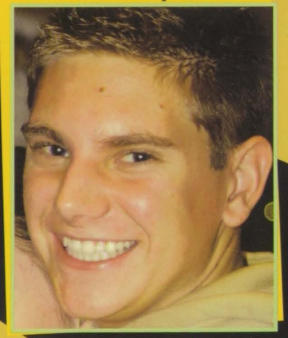
Mutant Suga' Baby

Four years ago, Lainey Seaton's life went through a drastic change when she discovered that her father, Scott Seaton, has a rare type of diabetes. Diabetes is a disease in which a person's body cannot regulate its blood sugar level and the only way to compensate for it is through strict eating habits.

However, just three and a half years later, Lainey discovered that she too has the rare form of diabetes. What makes Lainey's diabetes even more peculiar is that the genetic mutation that causes her diabetes is only seen in her and her father.

Because they are the only two people in the world to have the mutation, Lainey and her father's doctors will be publishing medical journals so that the discovery will be documented in case it is ever seen again. Although Lainey does have to prick her finger three times a day to do tests, she still manages to remain very fit and a key player on the school soccer team.

Cancerpants



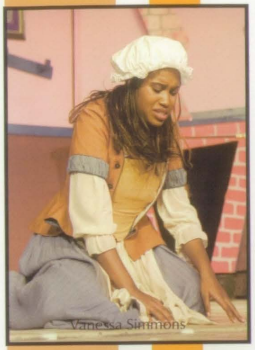
In late August 2004, Matthew Mountford discovered a lump on his back approximately one inch wide and a few centimeters tall. Figuring it was a lymph node (gland) or an odd cyst, he went to see his doctor and had it removed. Three weeks later, the biopsy came back (having traveled to Kaiser, San Francisco, and Stanford) to Matthew's parents saying that the lump removed from his back was a malignant cancer called Soft-Tissue Sarcoma.

Sarcomas are an extremely rare cancer making up of .01% of all cancer diagnosis a year. However, Matthew refused to give into fear. "I came home at 11 on a Friday night and found my parents waiting for me. I thought what any student would, that they had talked to my teachers about my grades... Haha!"

Matthew since then has had two scans and a second surgery which all showed that his cancer has not spread.

Matthew's teacher, Mrs. Kate Denis, has joined him in making fun of his condition and refers to him as "Cancerpants."

Fairy tale Ending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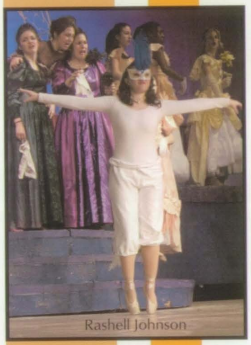
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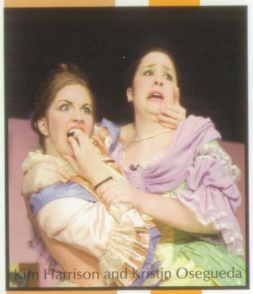
Kim Harrison and Kristin Osegueda

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A Kiss to Remember
Puckering up for their on stage kiss, Vanessa Simmons and Jonathan Canada get intimate during their scene together.
Photo by: Matthew Mountford

By Tiffany Nunes

Between the beautiful set, the elaborate costumes, and the impressive singing and dancing, Cinderella was a captivating show. Director Linda Jackson and Student Director Noelle Blanco put on this fantastic play, originally written by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

There was a lot of hard work and dedication that was put into this show. The whole cast worked together to paint and put together the set, the tech crew worked hard at getting the best light and sound effects, and the actors themselves put hours and hours into all of the scenes. Vanessa Simmons did a wonderful job at playing Cinderella, as did Jonathon Canada at playing the Prince. Tawny Schrodetzki was an enchanting Godmother, accompanied by the Godmother Trio. The stepsisters, Kristen Osegueda and Kimberly Harrison, and the evil stepmother, Stephanie Walker, were all hilarious, and the Queen and King, played by Erica Sanborn and Austin Taylor, were quite sophisticated.

Overall, the show was great. The audience loved it, and the performers seemed to be having fun being in the spotlight. "It was fun being in the show- it was definitely a good experience," remarks Courtenay Cummins, who was one of the dancers.

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Cast and Crew

Vanessa Simmons, Jonathon Canada, Austin taylor, Erica Sanborn, Stephanie Walker, Kimberly Harrison, Kristen Osegueda, Tawny Schrodetzki, Brian Estrada, Mindy Linsay, Sarah McGaffey, Jaclyn Sewell, Valeria Miller, Lee Ann Denyer, Nyssa Baca, Hanna Bambrough, Briana Calderon, Kathryn Garvin, Hazel Laguardia, Valerie MIller, Dana Percoco, Shakira Scott, Katherine Kuo, Jhalisa Walker, Shanazz Ahmad, Katie Atfield, Courtney Cummings, Jamie Lastiri, Monique Munoz, Sydney Tafuri, Rashell Johnson, Stephen Tarver, Daniel Garcia, Shane Gomes, Brett Jensen, Brad Wheeler, April Bush, Jesse Jensen, Emily Raboy, Natalie Phillips, Nicole Young, Patrick Ho, Tara Makker, Andrew Regopoulos, Don Cardoza, Jennifer Hodgins, Tom Yu, Richard Chiu, Deborah Soong

All Bottled Up
Performing a song during the play, Austin Taylor serenades Hannah Bambrough, Kathryn Garvin, and Jhalisa Walker while they hold bottles up and pose for the crowd. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

The Jealousy Will Drive You Mad
Unable to take the jealousy anymore, ugly step sister Kim Harrison lunges at prince Jonathan Canada in hopes of making him fall in love with her. Fortunatly, Brian Estrada was there to pry her away. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

A Flick of the Wrist
With a simple flick of the wrist, Tawny Schrodetzki sprinkles fairy dust on Vanessa Simmons in order to turn her into a princess for the ball. The magic worked and she won the prince's heart. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Auditioning for a Toothpaste Ad?
Spending time with friends and just having fun is one of the characteristics of a great dance. Tiffany Nunes and Lexie Nelson enjoy the night together while dancing with friends. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Engaured!
For the first time in IHS history, the fencing club was able to flaunt their moves during the rally. Ryan Flowe and Rachael Leone duke it out for class bragging rights. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

I Can Fly!
During the rally, Lizette Marquez, Gina Perelman, Carly Green and Ashley Stauffer hold up Nicole Brooks as she attempts the astonishing split stunt. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

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Kristina Punwani
Andy Nunes

HOW... TO TIE A TIE

1 start

Start by measuring the tie so that the end tip touches the belt buckle. (Not too bad right?)

2

Cross the longer side, "W," *over* the shorter side, "N," and then cross the "W" *under* the "N." (Confused? Wait till you get to the next part!)

3

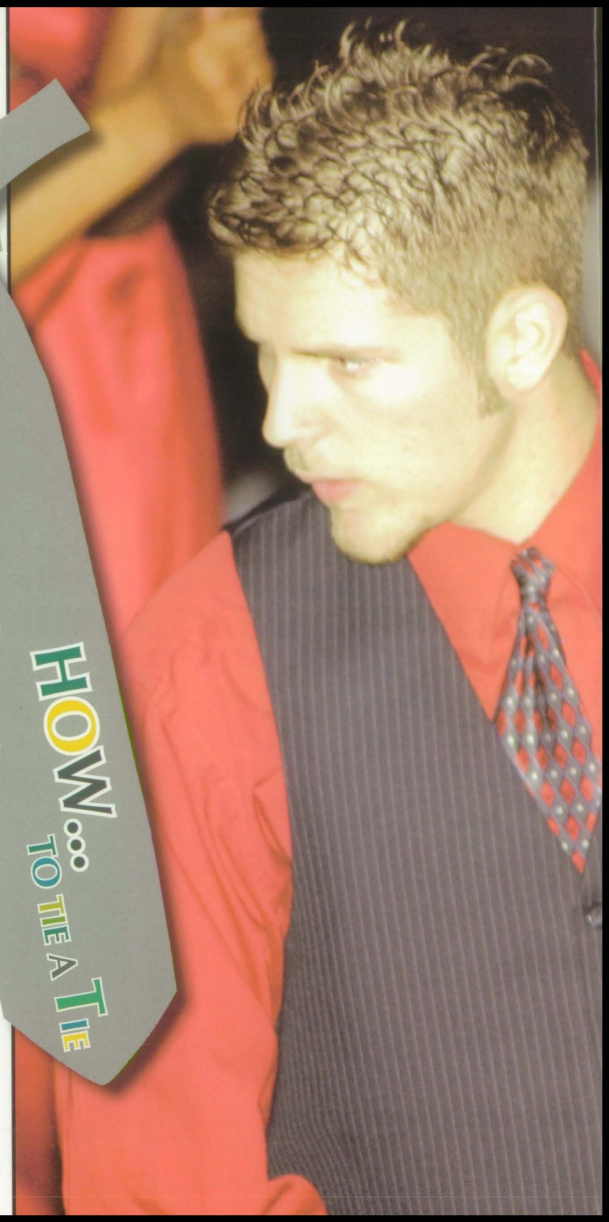
Continue by bringing the end "W" back over in front of "N" again. Pull the "W" up and through the hole around the neck. (Hole closest to the front of the neck).

4

Finally, hold the front of the knot loosely with index finger and bring "W" down through small loop in front. Remove finger and tighten knot carefully to collar by holding narrow end "N" and sliding the knot up.

You're almost done but not too hard right? Well one last step, stand next to your date and say "cheese!"

SMILE!



Tale as Old as Time

One of the most romantic nights...

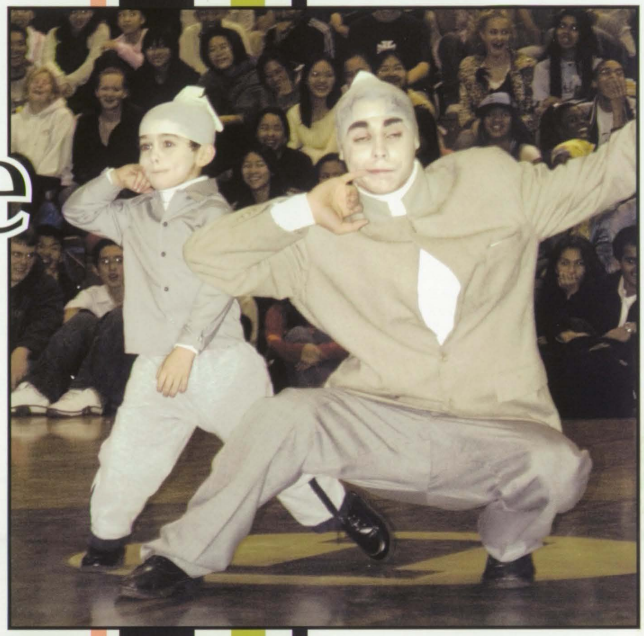
By Rebecca Li and Jessica Chen

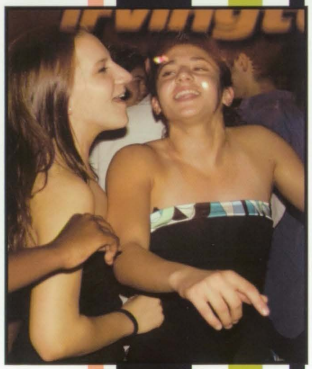
Consider a scene of elegant people all dressed in glamorous shades of colors. The sounds are those of laughing people, and the feelings are those of excitment. The light that illuminates the gym comes from the moonlight, which shines through from the open doors. This is the scene from Irvington's winterball 2005; A Tale as Old as Time.

Irvington on December 10th was definitely a sight to see. Students who were dressed in unique dresses and handsome tuxes all showed up at the dance greeted with several hundred balloons. The weather was perfect for the dance, which made the night all the more enjoyable.

A significant and different aspect of this years winterball was the movie "Beauty and the beast," which was projected onto the ceiling during the dance. Even if that was hard to watch while dancing, it was surely something to talk about. As the time seemed to fly by, winterball ended with the magnificant balloon drop of 300 balloons.

Irvington 2005 winterball; Tale as Old as Time was truely an unforgettable experience. From eating dinner with friends to dancing with a significant other, the years winterball was definitly an unforgettable experience.





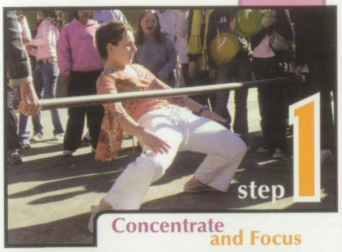
The Perfect Night
Winter Ball allowed for a romantic night out for many couples. Michelle Doerner and Eric Leavitt took advantage of this opportunity as they spent quality time together dancing. *Photo Courtesy of Prestige*

"What do you say Mini Me?"
One of the highlights of the Winter Rally was when Dr. Evil, played by David Parsons, and Mini Me, David's brother Jacob Parsons, rolled into the rally in their chairs. They hyped up the crowd with their master plan to take over the world. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Fun Times and Tan Lines
"It was really fun but it would have been better if I didn't have a tan line," smiled Raha Sadjadi. Despite that, she still made her Winter Ball great by dancing with her friend Kayla Kliensasser. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Doing the limbo isn't easy at all. Le Casie Lamanvannucci and Andrew Lee show a great example how to do it stage by stage.

HOW... TO take it Low



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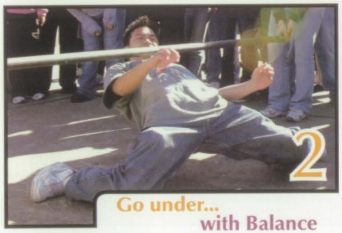

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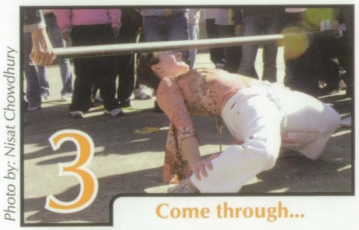

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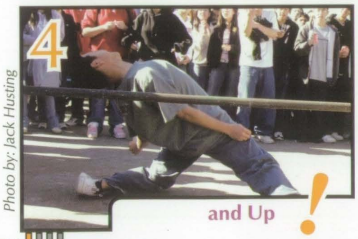

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Stress Free Beginnings

Perfect Stress Free Start to the Second Semester

Jumping for Joy
Jumping up high, Bernisha Goodwin has fun participating in the Double Dutch contest. This contest took place on the first day of the stress free week. *Photo by: Nisat Chowdhury*

By Miina Tikkanen

After finals, students and teachers were exhausted and desperately needed a break. During stress free week, teachers eased up on giving homework, and during lunch ASB organized funny games and activities in the courtyard.

On Monday eager students tried to break the Winnie the Pooh piñata; when they finally succeeded, a crowd of kids ran to the post-mortem Pooh Bear to get their share of the candy. In an exciting limbo contest great talents were seen all around but the winner, Andrew Lee, stood out from the crowd.

The Double Dutch contest entertained people on Tuesday. Many were brave enough to try, some ended with better results, and some were left tangled up. Students were also given chalk and at the end of lunch the yard was full of greetings, messages, and drawings.

Wednesday's climax was the thrilling pie eating contest. Competitors were each given a pie, and the winner would be the one who finished the most in two minutes. Spectators had fun watching the faces fill with pie. Eventually sophomore, Lainey Seaton was announced as the winner. The day's other activity involved other food as well: The cupcake walk which gathered a lot of hungry people to compete for the delicious prize.

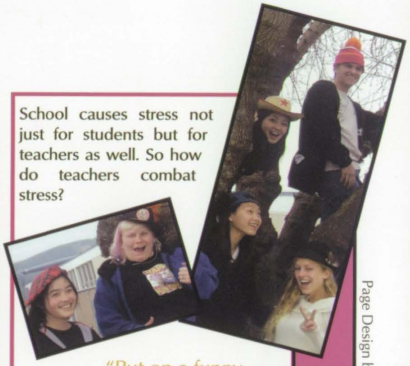
On Thursday students challenged teachers in a volleyball game. Everyone saw great slides, excellent passes, and amazing blocks. Some teachers really impressed the audience with their hidden talents.

Friday was club day. A bounce house was set up on the yard and different clubs had their own tables with activities and contests. The RUNE organized a finger painting contest, which inspired many students to try and paint their friend. In the middle of the yard the fencing club had its own show and many stood in awe of their skills.

Hey Batter Batter!
Taking his stress out on Winnie the Pooh, Emmanuel Chao managed to take a swing and hit the bear's arm. While Emmanuel tried to hit the pinata, J.D. Whitfield tried to move the bear to make it more challenging. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Making Face
Sticking his fingers into the paint, Justin Le takes part in The RUNE fingerpainting contest. Clubs held contests on club day for publicity. *Photo by: Kevin Phan*

School causes stress not just for students but for teachers as well. So how do teachers combat stress?



"Put on a funny hat and pretend it's a game."
Mrs. Kate Denis

"Go out for a walk and sit in the nature."
Ms. Belinda Brackett

"Go running." Ms. Skye Langs

"Hang out at "Club Library."
Ms. Victoria Vincench

"Watch Spanish soap operas or go to the ocean."
Ms. Molly Lawrence

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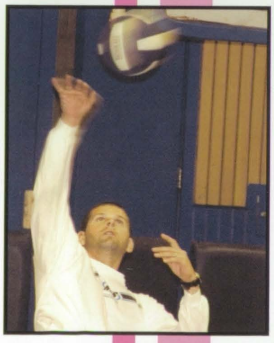

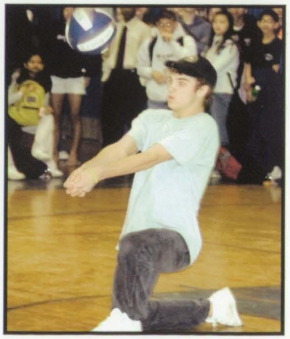

Serving It Up
In order to help the teachers' team win, Mr. Nels Larsen serves the ball across the court. The teachers continued their winning streak and won for the third year in a row. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

One fish, two fish, red fish..
Reliving childhood memories, students spend an entire lunch period jumping, laughing, and playing. This was the final activity designed to alleviate stress brought on by finals. *Photo by:*

Bump It Up!
Trying to keep the ball moving, Justin Ramos makes a pass to one of his team mates. Hopefully next year the students will have better luck winning. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

one couple, six friends & the outsider

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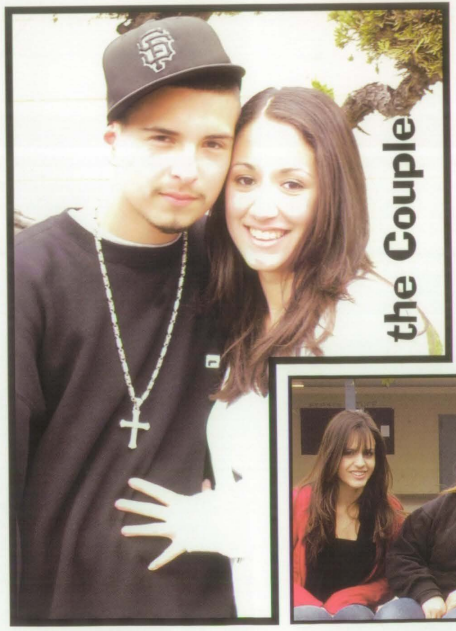
By Ameeta Chandra

We look at relationships under a microscope these days. Celebrity hookups are virtuallyindistinguishable from the next. But once in a long while there comes a couple like Fabien and Jennifer who challenge what we've come to expect in a relationship and teach us how caring for one another is a unique experience in itself.



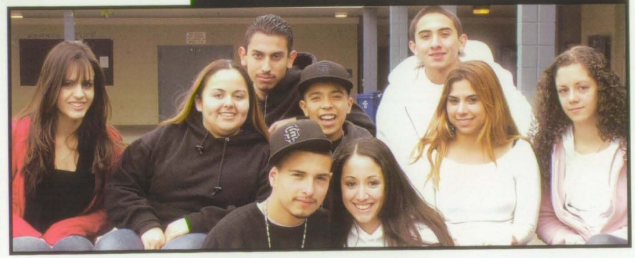
the Couple

Fabian Leon
Jennifer Gamez

SAGA: How long have you been going out?

the Couple : 2 years and 2 months.

the Friends



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his FRIENDS

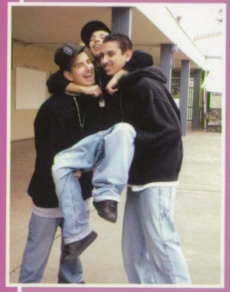
the best girl friend

You know her as:
Brittani Balan-Porter

SAGA: How long have you known them?
Brittani: I have known Fabien since the summer after 7th grade. He is like an older brother to me.
SAGA: What makes them unique?
Brittani: What makes them unique from all the other couples is that they are best friends and they have been together for practically forever.

the best guy friends

You know them as:
Victor Granador & Ricardo Garcia



SAGA: How long have you known them?
Victor: I have known Jennifer for 3 months and Fabien since pre-school.
SAGA: What makes them unique?
VG & RG: They have a really nice relationship and they always get along. They are always, always together. Practically 24/7, whenever I am there they are there. Honesty plays a keep part in their relationship.

the Mutual

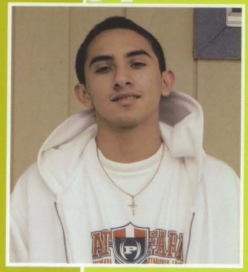
You know her as:
Kathryn Oruna
SAGA: Who do you like more?
Kathryn: Jennifer.
SAGA: What makes them unique?
Kathryn: They love each other alot. They are always together and have lots of respect for one another.

the Outsider

You know her as:
Karyn De La Torre
SAGA: How long have you known them?
Karyn: I have known Jennifer and Fabien for less than a year.
SAGA: What makes them unique?
Karyn: They are unique because they never argue, they are always together and their for one another. They put each other 1st in their lives and make sure they are their to listen to one another.

her FRIENDS

the best guy friend



You know him as:
Steven Miranda
SAGA: How long have you known them?
Steven: I have known Jennifer and Fabien for 4 years.

SAGA: What makes them unique?
Steven: They are 2 different people with 2 different personalities. They always seem to figure out how to stay strong and caring. They are always there for one another and put each 1st in their lives.

the best girl friend

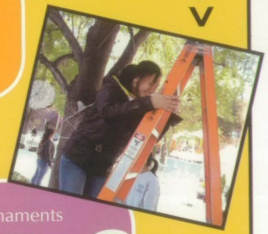
You know her as:
Teresa Nigro
SAGA: How long have you known them?
Teresa: Fabien since 8th grade and Jennifer since 6th.

SAGA: What makes them unique?
Teresa: How they manage to agree on things and deal with their differences. They trust each other a lot and have tons of chemistry.

HOW... to help?

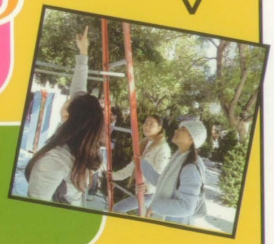
Location: San Jose Park
Date: November 13, 2004
Number of People: 18
Goal: To help set up ornaments at the park to beautify the city during the holiday.

1 Grab a few friends who want to brighten up the community



2 Make homemade ornaments composed of plastic cups.

3 Hold the ornaments together from the inside with Christmas lights.



4 Get a ladder and throw the cords over the tree branches and to hang the lights.

done! **Stick the plug into the outlet and see the result of your hard work.**

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Learning to Serve

Students carry on the tradition of giving back

In the Giving Spirit
During the December Cookie Bake, Uyen Mai and Jennifer Wong take the cookies off the tray with a spatula. Uyen also volunteers at Washington Hospital on Wednesdays. *Photo by: Yvonne Fung*

By Yvonne Fung

After the last bell rang before the start of winter break, most students were already on their way to a vacation. However, a good handful of students were eager to wake up the next day and help out individuals that were less fortunate during the holiday season. On Saturday, December 18, 2004, 33 students from the Service Learning Club participated in the Annual Cookie Bake, which was held in Ms. Jackie Hashimoto's room.

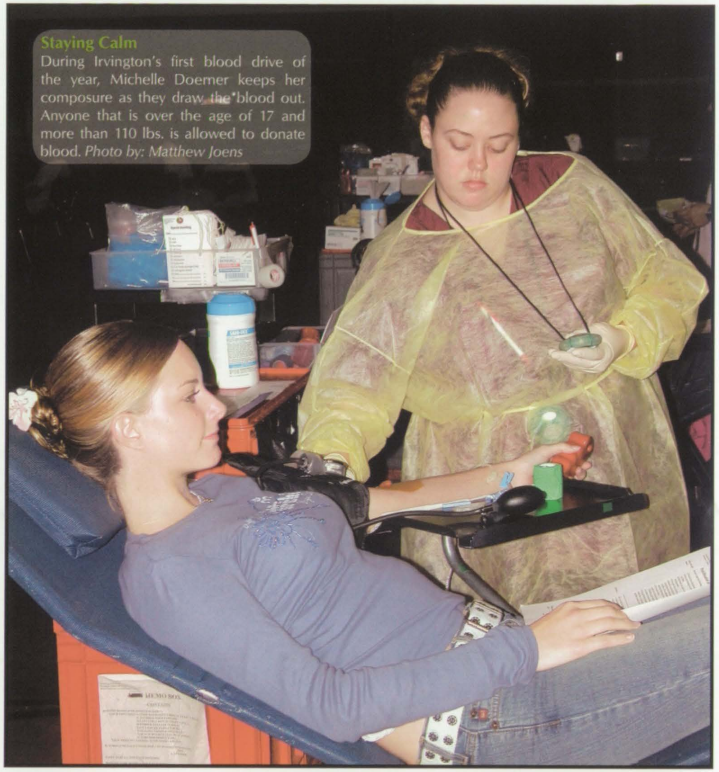
The whole event was supervised by Ms. Beth Rothfuss and Ms. Susan Paulsen. The cookies were decorated with frosting, sprinkles, and other toppings. After they were finished, they were put on plates, wrapped in saran wrap, and finally tied with a bow.

Wrapping presents was an entirely different story. Unfortunately, the room where the wrapping paper was located was locked, so Leslie Szeto and others had to purchase several new rolls. Ankur Agrawal, who was assigned to gift wrapping, said, "John Kuan, Daniel Tran, and I had nothing to do while they were getting wrapping paper, so we made a giant tower of shaving cream."

At the end of the day, the cookies and gifts were donated to organizations such as the Tri-City Homeless Coalition, the Retirement home, and SAVE.

Taking Initiative
After finding out that the room containing the wrapping paper was locked, Shallani Clanagan, Aditi Sharma, and Leslie Szeto, were eager to go out and buy them. Leslie Szeto is also a member of CSF, Service Learning, and ASB. Ms. Beth Rothfuss supervised the gift wrapping. *Photo by: Yvonne Fung*

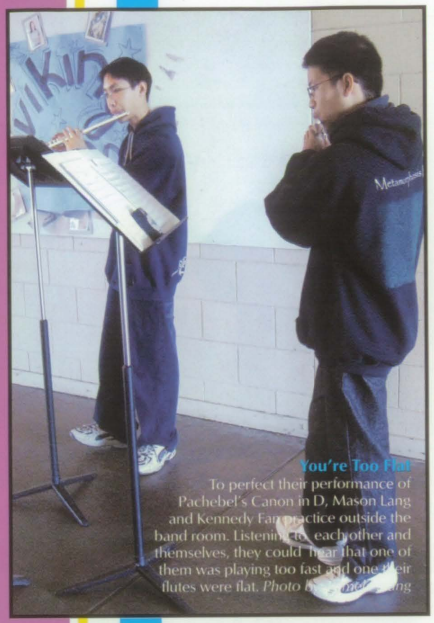
After the Walk
Following the Breast Cancer Walk in Coyote Hills Regional Park, Imaan Baseer, Hiba Syeda, Nida Javeed, and Jennifer Yim, pick up garbage that was left over. The Breast Cancer Walk is an annual event that occurs every September. *Photo by: Nabiha Baseer*



Staying Calm
During Irvington's first blood drive of the year, Michelle Doerner keeps her composure as they draw the blood out. Anyone that is over the age of 17 and more than 110 lbs. is allowed to donate blood. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*

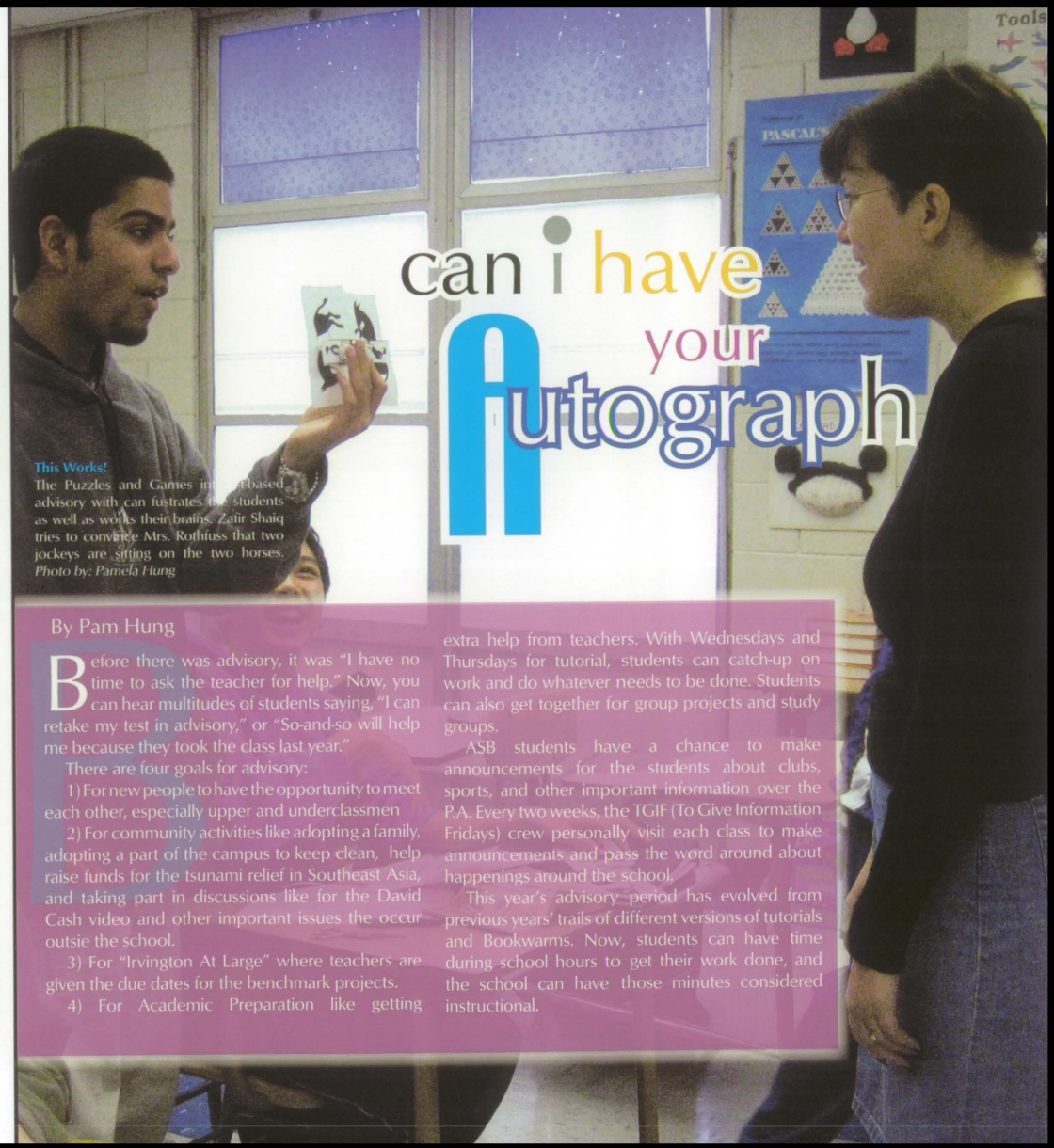
As president of Interact, I go on volunteermatch.com and check for new events that are happening around the area. The reason why I volunteer is to focus on the good of the community and also because the projects are always fun.

Rosalind Lai | 11



You're Too Flat
To perfect their performance of Pachebel's Canon in D, Mason Lang and Kennedy Fan practice outside the band room. Listening to each other and themselves, they could hear that one of them was playing too fast and one their flutes were flat. *Photo by: Pamela Hung*

QUESTions
The seniors in Ms. Susan Pate's advisory class share their question for the QUEST project with the rest of the students. Pegah Mirzataghi-Chan listens intently to Ms. Pate and the other seniors. *Photo by: Pamela Hung*



This Works!
The Puzzles and Games in Web-based advisory with can fustrates the students as well as works their brains. Zafir Shaiq tries to convince Mrs. Rothfuss that two jockeys are sitting on the two horses. *Photo by: Pamela Hung*

can i have your autograph

By Pam Hung

Before there was advisory, it was "I have no time to ask the teacher for help." Now, you can hear multitudes of students saying, "I can retake my test in advisory," or "So-and-so will help me because they took the class last year."

There are four goals for advisory:

1) For new people to have the opportunity to meet each other, especially upper and underclassmen

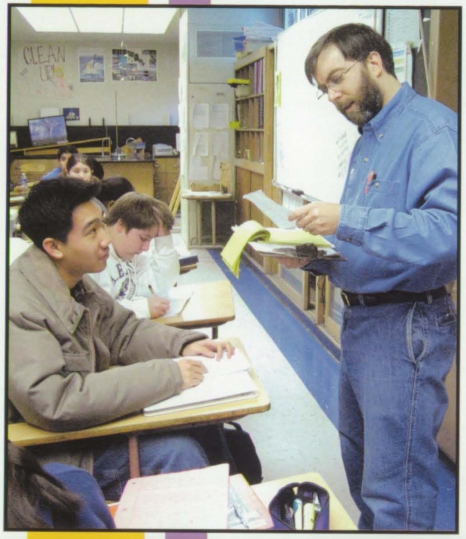
2) For community activities like adopting a family, adopting a part of the campus to keep clean, help raise funds for the tsunami relief in Southeast Asia, and taking part in discussions like for the David Cash video and other important issues the occur outsie the school.

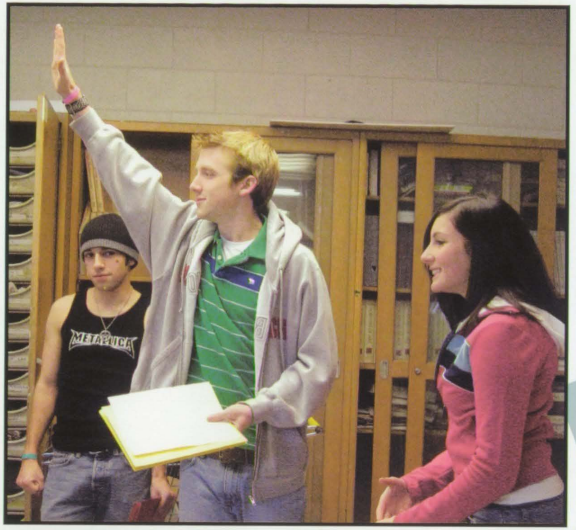
3) For "Irvington At Large" where teachers are given the due dates for the benchmark projects.

4) For Academic Preparation like getting extra help from teachers. With Wednesdays and Thursdays for tutorial, students can catch-up on work and do whatever needs to be done. Students can also get together for group projects and study groups.

ASB students have a chance to make announcements for the students about clubs, sports, and other important information over the P.A. Every two weeks, the TGIF (To Give Information Fridays) crew personally visit each class to make announcements and pass the word around about happenings around the school.

This year's advisory period has evolved from previous years' trails of different versions of tutorials and Bookwarms. Now, students can have time during school hours to get their work done, and the school can have those minutes considered instructional.



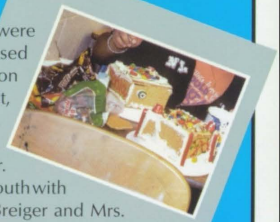


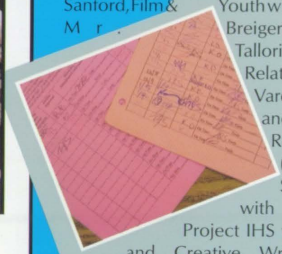
Checking the Creativity
In the Creative Writing interest-based advisory, Mr. Macuk checks Dennis Shao's writing journal. "Every day you write about the day before. You'd write them in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd person. It's so fun," says an enthusiastic Dennis. *Photo by: Pamela Hung*

A Break From Benchmark
Irvington prides iteself on it's challenging benchmark projects. Freshmen Trent Harrington, Matt Burri, Sarah Sanders, and Noelle Ismell present their poster for the Change Project.
Photo by: Pamela Hung

All Hail T.G.I.F
One of the T.G.I.F. crews consisting of Shane Gomes, Evan Boomer, and Lauren Hillman go around to their assigned advisory classes to give information about the Friday Activities and other school events. As they finish, Evan waves to the class his farewell. *Photo: Pamela Hung*

Are You Interested?

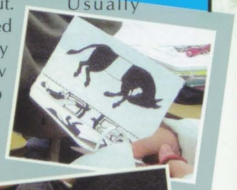




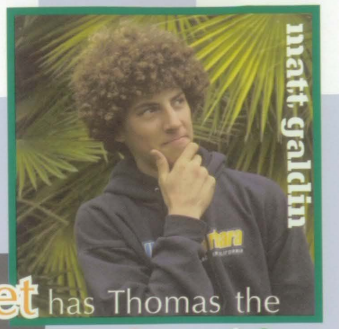
This year, there were nine interest based advisories. Badminton with Mr. Strout, Aquatics with Mr. Larsen, Aquarium sciences with Dr. Sanford, Film & Youth with Mr. Breiger and Mrs. Tallorin, International Relations with Mrs. Vardhan, Puzzles and Logic with Mrs. Rothfuss, L.I.S.T. (Latino Inclusion Strategies Team) with Mr. Ballado, Project IHS with Mrs. Gavin, and Creative Writing with Mr. Macuk.

Why did you choose to have this interest based advisory?

"The main point I did the LIST advisory was to help the students out. Usually on scores and standardized tests, Latino and minority students usually are low scaled. I want to try to help improve their grades and this is the only time." - Mr. Ballado



"I had a PhD in International Sciences and Political Science. I like to share with my students. I didn't want to teach political science because it's full of theory and boring. Rather, I want to discuss the issues.



"My wallet has Thomas the Engine on it."

WHAT is he thinking?

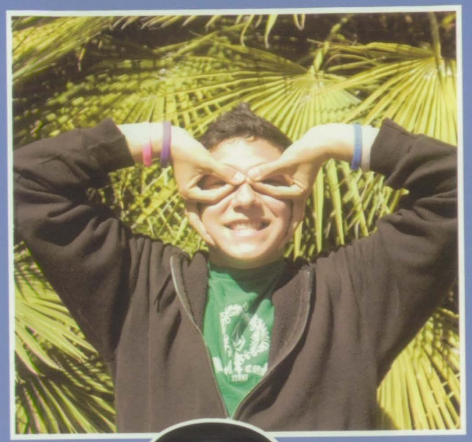
Boys are just so simple that the female population often over analyzes them. With painstaking precision, SAGA was able to over complicate things for the girls.

By Ameeta Chandra

1. Your girlfriend caught you cheating on her. How do you make it up to her?
2. Why do you think girls go to the bathroom together and come out smiling?
3. How many pairs of shoes do you have?
4. What is the weirdest thing in your wallet?
5. What is the most visited website in your History?
6. What is the longest you've been without a shower?
7. What do you think about during the day?
8. What is your idea of a romantic date?

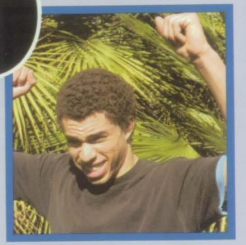
daniel garcia

1. I like guys. In that case, I would give him lots of presents and apologize.
2. Girls are weird and who knows what goes on in the bathrooms.
3. Seven
4. A poem "To Help My Son Be Strong," from Mom.
5. www.us.imdb.com
6. One day. I cannot stand not taking showers.
7. How I am going to spend my time after school. With rehearsal I barely have time for homework.
8. Dinner at a restraunt, then a good movie. To end the night we would go watch the stars on a beach.



jason yim

1. I would let her break up with me, because I would deserve it.
2. Seriously, why do they do that? Maybe, because they are having an interesting private chat.
3. Four.
4. An unused blockbuster card.
5. www.myspace.com
6. Two days.
7. Go on myspace.
8. I would take her to see her favorite band and then to have a nice lunch at the restaurant of her choice.



madison miller

1. I would ask her if she wanted to join in.
2. I think they go in together and come out smiling because they compare their butt sizes.
3. Twelve.
4. A check for $50.
5. www.myspace.com
6. Three days.
7. When I am going to get my license.
8. A night on the beach boardwalk, and riding roller coasters.

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WHAT is she thinking?

Girls are hard, if not impossible, to figure out. To make things easier for the boys, we investigated the secret workings of the female mind and uncovered the unimaginable.

1 What is your idea of a romantic night?

2 What do you look for in a guy?

3 Shoes or Flip Flops?

4 How much do you spend on make-up?

5 How many purses do you own?

6 What type of music do you listen to?

7 If you had one piercing where would it be?

8 What is your favorite car?

roxann trillo

1. Laugh, have fun and make a memory.
2. A friend first, and then a really nice smile, being cute helps too.
3. Shoes.
4. More than $100.
5. 5 purses.
6. Everything.
7. My tongue because no one can tell it is there.
8. A 67' Mustang.

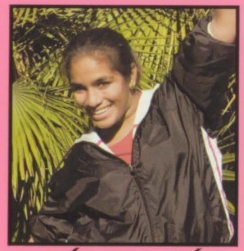
julie khodayari

1. Anything Spontaneous. I love doing crazy stuff and having fun.
2.Straight teeth, awesome hair, proportional, and he can't be completely ugly.
3. Shoes.
4. $100. 00 +
5. Four
6. I like emo and Alternative.
7. My eyebrow because it is hot.
8. S500 Mercedes.

morrisa trosclair

Humor is number one.

1. A day in the park with swings and lots of trees. We would get ice cream and play tether ball.
2. Funny, Fun, Good.
3. Shoes
4. $2.50. One Chapstick
5. Two. One got stolen.
6. The Pixies!
7. Eyebrow
8. A caddy because I am Ghetto.



shana banankhan

1. Dinner somewhere unique and a walk around town.
2. He has to be taller than me, cute, funny, and nice.
3. Flip Flops
4. $15.00
5. Five purses but I never bring them to school.
6. Rap and R & B
7. An eyebrow ring because it looks so awesome.
8. Hummers because they look so big.

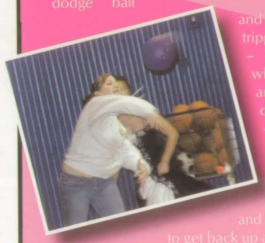
tiffany ngo

girls girls girls

PLAY BALL

Anyone that has ever played dodgeball probably remembers a time when the ball came flying into their face, when they dodged four balls at the same time, or was left standing by themselves against an army of competitors. Here are some stories that people remembered:

"Once in 4th grade, I was playing dodge ball and I tripped over a guy – I saw a white flash when I hit the asphalt, and I was all dizzy for a couple hours after..."
- Kyle Stephens | 12

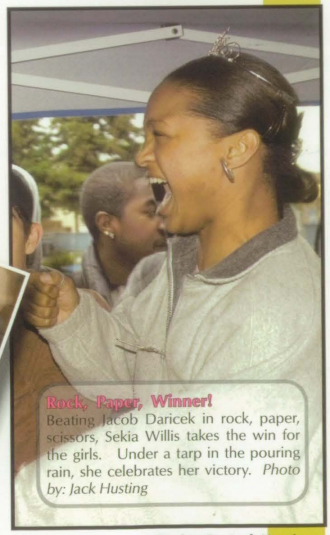


In 4th grade I was running towards the ball and I slipped and fell. It took me a while to get back up and when I did I got hit with three balls and fell back down.
- Rodulfo Lee | 12

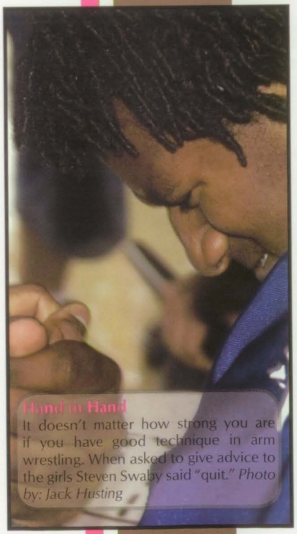
"I was playing dodgeball and this girl on the other team beamed me in the face and it was like a slow motion movie and my head whipped back."
- Matt Neuman | 12

"One time I hit a kid square in the face with the dodgeball and his glasses flew off and he hit the ground, it was like a part out of The Matrix."
- Mark Speers | 09

Glowing Fury
"People thought I spent all day on my outfit, but I actually threw it together in a few minutes," says Elizabeth Emge. She took her usual outfit up a notch to make herself even more spectacular under the black light. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



Rock, Paper, Winner!
Beating Jacob Daricek in rock, paper, scissors, Sekia Willis takes the win for the girls. Under a tarp in the pouring rain, she celebrates her victory. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



Hand in Hand
It doesn't matter how strong you are if you have good technique in arm wrestling. When asked to give advice to the girls Steven Swaby said "quit." *Photo by: Jack Husting*

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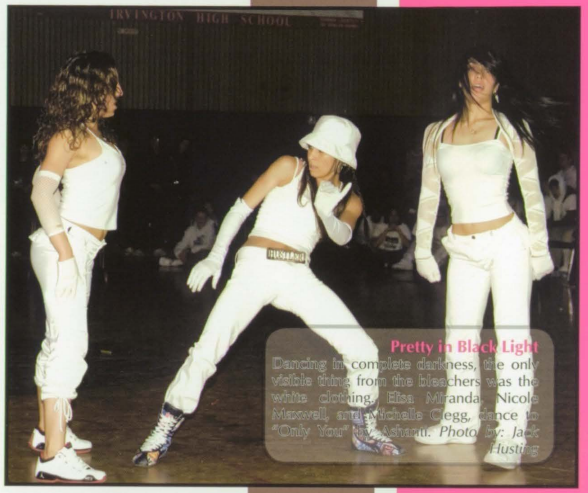
Girls counterstrike

Girls regaining superiority after last year's loss at Spring Olympics

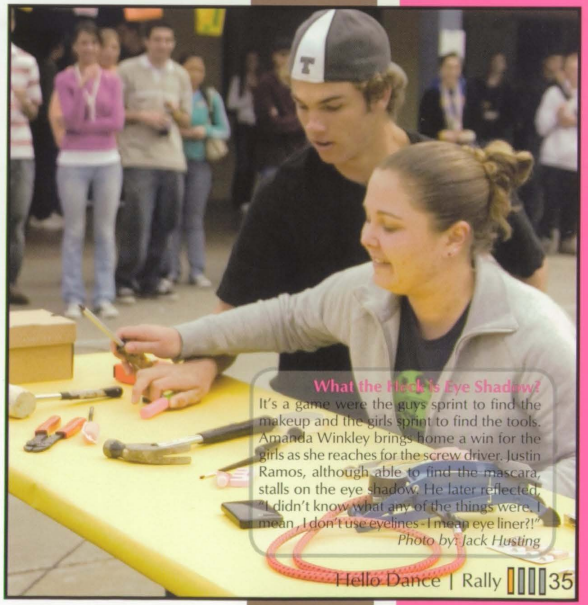
Throughout history men have thought themselves to be superior to women. The Spring Olympics was the perfect time for the girls to strike back and prove that they can hold their own ground. Watching the first game of the home run derby (hitting a ball over the benches), it seemed as if the guys would take an easy first victory. They did in fact hit more home runs, but that was only the qualifying match prior to the final match - where the guy's winner would face the girl's winner in a race to a second event.

The girls easily had the guys beat. Day two was arm wrestling, and some of the strongest guys and girls were there. After battling it out to find a winner, the finalists stood up to determine the winner by playing "rock, paper, scissors." Sekeia Willis took the victory for the girls. On day three, the boys dominated against the girls in a game of dodge ball. The MVP's of the guys and the girls dodge ball game stood ready for a questionnaire on the movie and the official rules of dodge ball; the girls came out victorious in the third event. During the black light rally, the final winners from the previous games raced in a three against three obstacle course around the school. The boys started strong, but a costly fall on the last stretch of the track gave an opportunity for the girls to gain the lead and win the Spring Olympics.

Swinging for the benches
For the first event of Spring Olympics, Justin Lunday steps up and goes three for three in the home run derby. "I was glad to be able to incorporate baseball into a part of Spring Olympics", says an enthusiastic Justin. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



Pretty in Black Light
Dancing in complete darkness, the only visible thing from the bleachers was the white clothing. Elsa Miranda, Nicole Maxwell, and Nichole Clegg, dance to "Only You" by Ashanti. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



What the Heck's Eye Shadow?
It's a game where the guys sprint to find the makeup and the girls sprint to find the tools. Amanda Winkley brings home a win for the girls as she reaches for the screw driver. Justin Ramos, although able to find the mascara, stalls on the eye shadow. He later reflected, "I didn't know what any of the things were. I mean, I don't use eyelines- I mean eye liner?!" *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Why Don't You Behave?

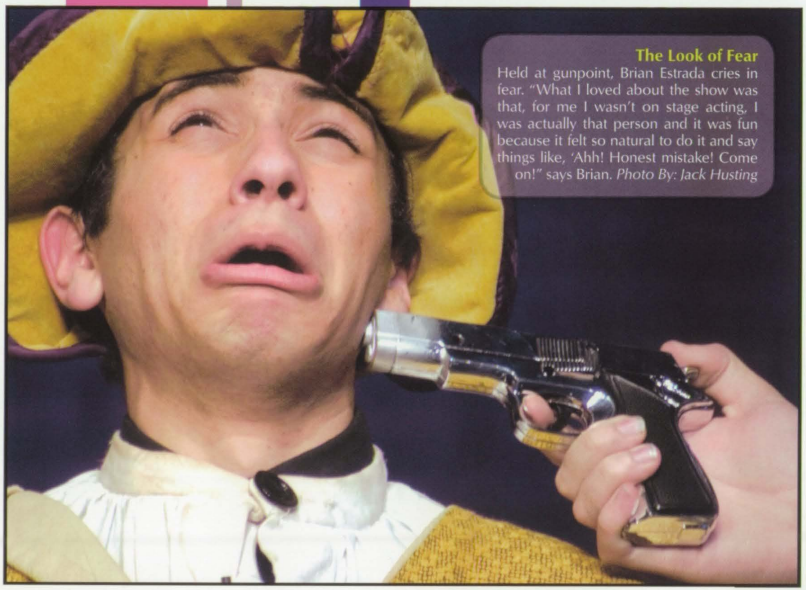
Dancing with Stephanie Walker, Evan Boomer reassures her of his financial stability. "You spend so much time with your cast mates and friends that you become a family. You really get to know people when you spend 6-8 hours a day with them," says Evan. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

All Tied Up

Exerting his control over Vanessa Simmons, Kyle Padilla keeps the starlet from escaping. Kyle's character, Fred, used strange techniques to woo Lilli, Vanessa's character. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

Sing along Shakespeare

Is it One Play, or Two?



The Look of Fear
Held at gunpoint, Brian Estrada cries in fear. "What I loved about the show was that, for me I wasn't on stage acting, I was actually that person and it was fun because it felt so natural to do it and say things like, 'Ahh! Honest mistake! Come on!" says Brian. *Photo By: Jack Husting*

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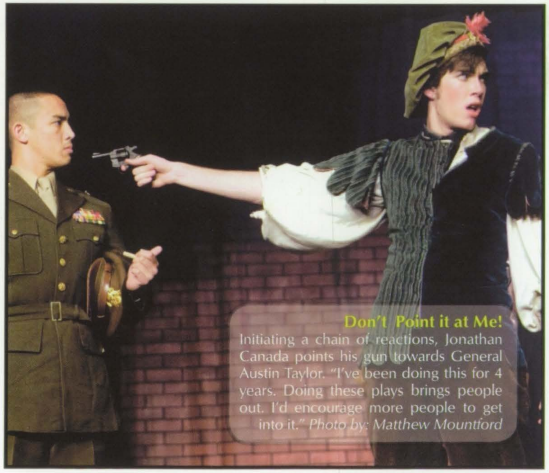
Cast and Crew
Donna Androwsky, Laura Bernardin, Evan Boomer, April Bush, Briana Calderon, Jonathon Canada, Katie Cavanaugh, Mike Ciuffo, Courtenay Cummings, James Day, Megan Denevan, Kyle Dennis, Lee Anne Denyer, Brian Estrada, Kevin Feliciano, Daniel Garcia, Kimberly Harrison, Kayla Herring, Trent Herrington, Shan Howerton, Sarah Jeremiah, Megan Johnson, Rashell Johnson, Danielle Klein, Martin Kludjian, Jamie Lastiri, Victoria Lin, Tracey Lockwod, Shaina Mabalo, Lahaina McCoy, Dustan Millward, Elisa Miranda, Kristen Osegueda, Jessi Padilla, Kyle Padilla, Dana Percoco, Larry Raboy, Briana Romero, Jonny Scott, Emanuel Silva, Vanessa Simmons, Mark Speers, Austin Taylor, Stephanie Walker, Rebecca Wang, Rachael Warmack, Christina Young, Tim Carmara, Jason Cori, Jiabao Qin, Brandon Oswalt, Mike Pride, Ryan Henderson, Pranav Jha, Richard Chui, Tim Thimmamia, Naina Makker, Tara Makker, Thomas Nuguid, Jennifer Bradley, Grace Lin, Natalie Nguyen, Gayatri Subramanian, Joanna Wang, Alberto Jasso, Michella Loebs, Jill Weeber, Jacob Kosarchuk, Alex Lykins, Nick Guan, Don Cardoza.

By Kimberly Harrison

The 2005 spring musical was Ms. Linda Jackson's spin on Samuel and Bella Spewack's "Kiss Me Kate."

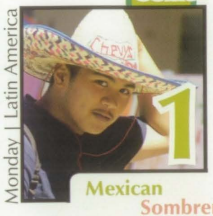
The play takes place in Ford's theatre in Baltimore Maryland, where a theatre troupe, led by egotistical producer, Fred Graham, played by Kyle Padilla, prepares to put on "The Taming of the Shrew." Graham has hired his ex-wife, Broadway star, Lilli Vanessi, portrayed by Vanessa Simmons, to perform as Kate, as he intends to act as Petruchio. Though the couple is constantly fighting, they display subtle affection for one another. Lilli is enraged at the formidable General Harrison, portrayed by both Steven Tarver and Austin Taylor. Fred is having a fling with the unforgettable, Lois Lane, played by Stephanie Walker. Lois herself is already involved with a fellow actor, Bill Calhoun, played by Evan Boomer, whose romance is further complicated by gambling and issues with infidelity. Coupled with the comic relief of two gangsters, Jonathan Canada and Brian Estrada, the show makes for an entertaining, complicated story. The show was successful based on the vision of Ms. Linda Jackson-Whitmore, the vocal aid of Ms. Jennifer Bell, the assistance with the band from Mr. Charlie Rodda, and the talents of an exceptional cast and crew.



Don't Point it at Me!
Initiating a chain of reactions, Jonathan Canada points his gun towards General Austin Taylor. "I've been doing this for 4 years. Doing these plays brings people out. I'd encourage more people to get into it." *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

How... to start a hat collection

Monday | Latin America



1 Mexican Sombrero

Tuesday | Asia

2 Chinese Sakkat

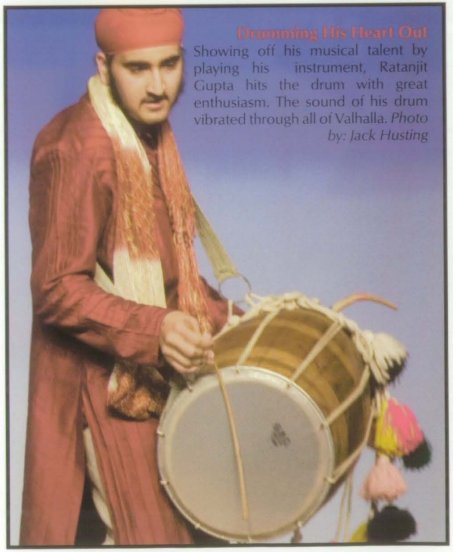
Wednesday | Africa

3 African Buba

Thursday | Europe

4 European Wreath

A Cool Drink in the Shade
Jazz teachers Madam Vardhan, Ms. Allyson McAliley and parent volunteer, Mrs. Koloko Green, enjoy lunch in their African garb. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



Drumming His Heart Out
Showing off his musical talent by playing his instrument, Ratanjit Gupta hits the drum with great enthusiasm. The sound of his drum vibrated through all of Valhalla. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Kung Fu Hustle
To celebrate his Chinese culture, Sunduh Wong wears a sakkat while holding a chinese fan as he gracefully poses before a kung fu fight. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Dance to the Beat
On Thursday, during the talent show, senior Sarah McGalley wows the crowd with exotic Tahitian dancing. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

More alike than Different

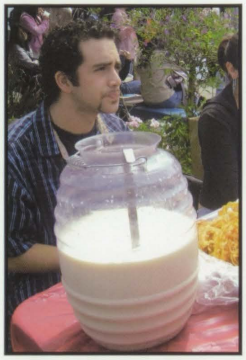
Multicultural Week bridges cultural gaps and unites IHS community

By Jessica Chen

With beautiful, creative, and different props set around the courtyard, each representing their respective cultures, students definitely wanted to stay on campus. Activities were also organized throughout the week in Valhalla, the Cafeteria, or Room 104.

Monday April 18, 2005 (Latin America)
Period: 3rd/4th- Latin American Heritage
Period: 5th/6th- Maria Ramirez Ohlone Stage Performance
Tuesday April 19, 2005 (Asia)
Period: 3rd/4th- Anti-Hate Assembly
Lunch: Indo Pak Performance
Period: 5th/6th- VISV/ World Peace Presentation
Anime Workshop
Wednesday April 20, 2005 (Africa)
Period: 3rd- French Beauty & the Beast
Indian Bride and Prejudice
Advisory: Mix It Up Group Discussion
Lunch- Fencing Club
Period: 5th- French Beauty & the Beast
Indian Bride and Prejudice
Thursday April 21, 2005 (Europe)
Advisory: GSA Tolerance Presentation
Lunch: French Crepe Demo
Multicultural Fashion Show
Period: 6th- IHS School Performance
Friday April 22, 2005 (Unity Day)
Period: 3rd/4th- BSU Step Workshop
Lunch: Poetry Slam
Period: 5th/6th- Yoga Workshop
Mas Yamasaki Performance

Cultural Fun
Enjoying herself on Asian Day, freshman Dale Lai laughs in her farmer hat during her first Multicultural Week. "I was surprised by the spirit everyone had for their own and other's cultures," says Dale. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



Food, Anyone?
Clubs used Multicultural Week to sell ethnic dishes and raise money. Karlos De La Torre dishes out Horchata and Tamales. *Photo by: Jessica Chen*

Serving Up Culture
Putting together a Middle Eastern dish, Mohammad Mojadidi raises money for the Muslim Student Association. *Photo by: Nisat Chowdhury*

Looking Peaceful
On Friday Kamakani Tiwanak-Finkes and Michelle Loebs took the chance to participate in a yoga workshop at the library. Yoga helps to soothe the mind and relax the body. *Photo by: Eric Chen*

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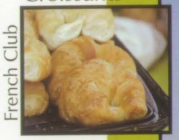
Sushi

Anime Club

Croissants

French Club

Samosas

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Brownies

Fencing Club

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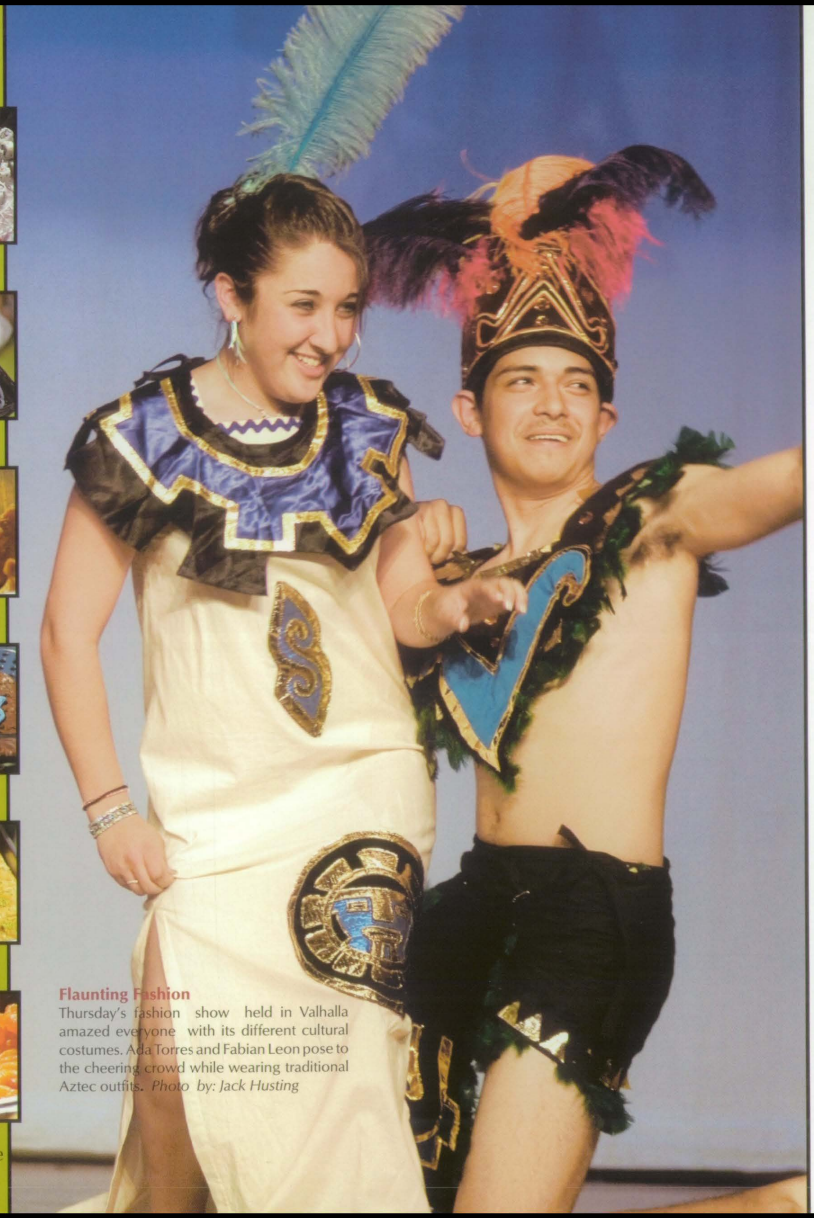
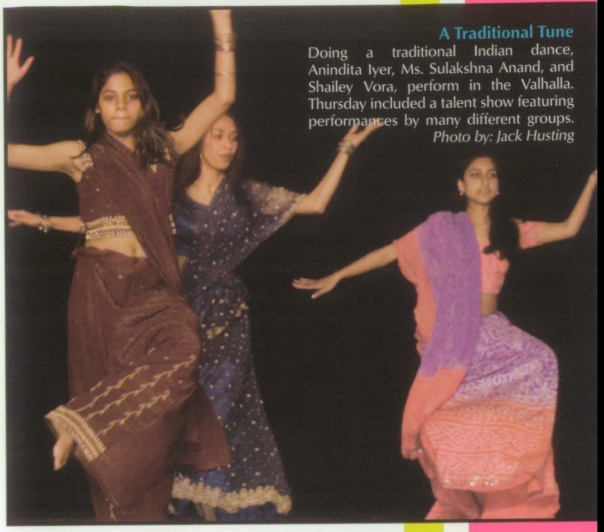
MSA

Gelabee

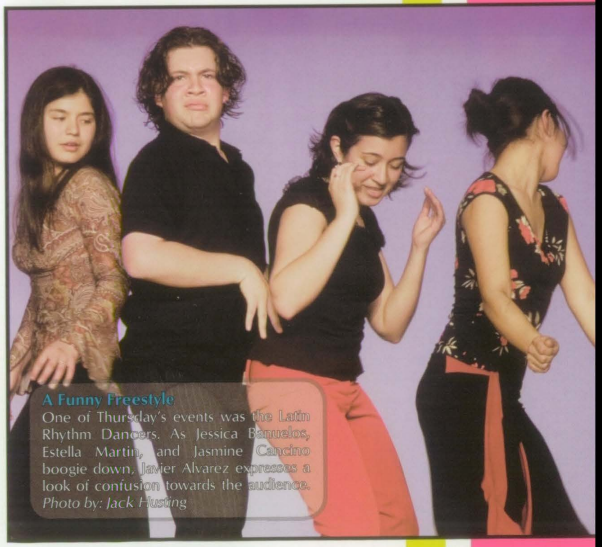
Indo-Pak



Flaunting Fashion
Thursday's fashion show held in Valhalla amazed everyone with its different cultural costumes. Ada Torres and Fabian Leon pose to the cheering crowd while wearing traditional Aztec outfits. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



A Traditional Tune
Doing a traditional Indian dance, Anindita Iyer, Ms. Sulakshna Anand, and Shailey Vora, perform in the Valhalla. Thursday included a talent show featuring performances by many different groups. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



A Funny Freestyle
One of Thursday's events was the Latin Rhythm Dancers. As Jessica Barreiro, Estella Martin, and Jasmine Concho boogie down, Javier Alvarez expresses a look of confusion towards the audience. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

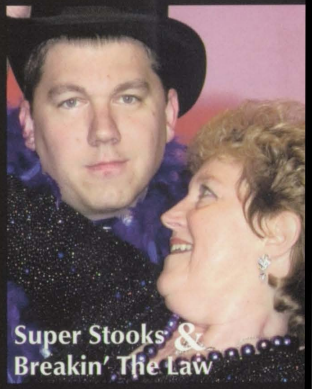
Faculty Follies

Uncut| Uncensored| Untalented

Daddy Long Langs
Striking a slightly unique pose, Ms. Skye Langs tries to hold back a smirk. All the teachers threw caution to the wind and exposed a much more liberal side during Faculty Follies. *Photo By: Jack Husting*

"...they are all just INSANE! but that's why we love it..."

Blues Master Breiger



Super Stooks & Breakin' The Law

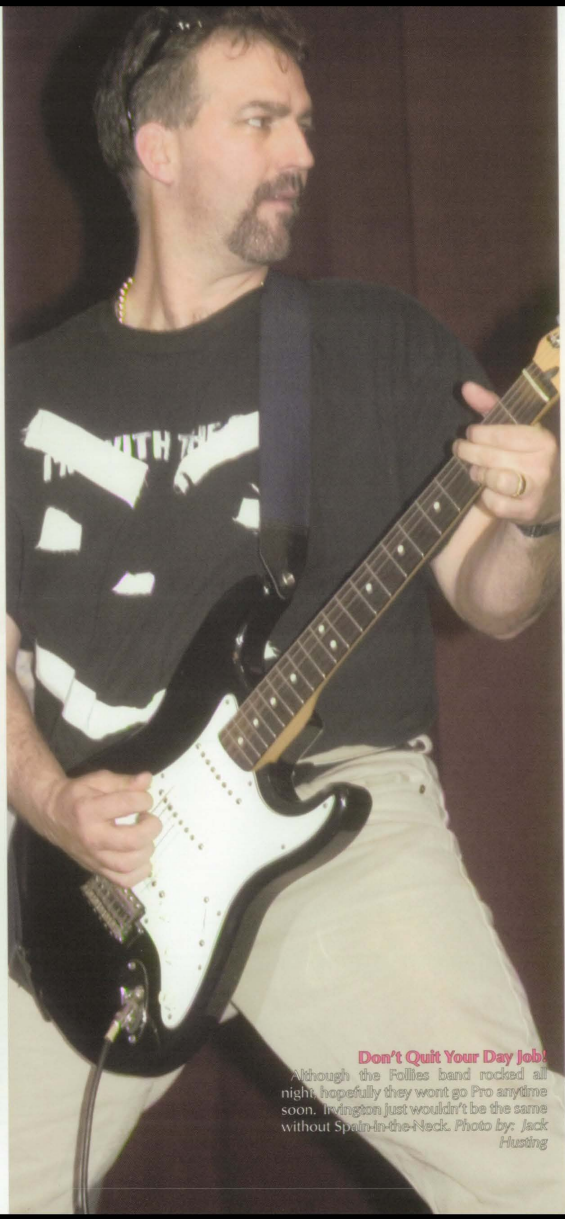
Encore Whitmore

Uncut| Uncensored| Untalented

Scared of Swallows
Planned in advanced, Ms. Julie Myers runs across the stage in a parrot costume scaring Ms. Sulakshna Anand while she delivered her line. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Reddy To Rumble

Nate-orious



Don't Quit Your Day Job!
Although the Follies band rocked all night, hopefully they wont go Pro anytime soon. Irvington just wouldn't be the same without Spain-in-the-Neck. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

By Francy Pants

What do teachers really do after the bell rings? Faculty Follies is an Irvington tradition that gives students a chance to see just what sort of surprising hidden talents the staff has up their collective sleeve.

This year's three hour variety show "Uncut, Untalented and Uncensored" raised over $8000.00 for a special scholarship. Highlights included: the legendary Follies Band, several humorous skits featuring bad acting, and even worse, wigs, impressive interpretive dances, stunning songstresses, Mr. Dave Howell's satirical commentary, and of course, the perennial crowd pleaser "I'm glad I am an Irvington Staff" line dance/sing-a-long.

With over eighty staff members involved in the show, many teachers volunteered their time and talent to make it a success.

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It's so funny 'cause it's true! One of the best skits in the show was "Pete's Top Ten". Definitely an instant classic!

HOW... TO be Late to Class

Top Ten Reasons Why Students are Late

I went to Star Buck's to get Ms. Woodrum her coffee - AGAIN!

10 **Star Bucks?**

9 **Saggin' Jeans**

I was distracting the class by being out of dress code and had to change.

8 **I </3 QUEST**

I had to redo my QUEST works cited page, like 16 times!

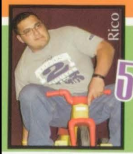
7 **Career Center Chaos**

My QUEST paper got jammed in the Career Center printer.

- Kash Money

6 **Late Lectures**

I got a 12 minute lecture in the office from my attendance clerk on why it is important to get to school on time.



5 **Let me through!**

I was stuck in traffic for 15 minutes at 7:30 trying to make a left turn to get into the big side parking lot.

4 **Locked Out**

My lock got stuck and Alex had to cut it off.

3 **Fix Me ????**

I fell asleep listening to the student bulletin.

2 **The Chicken is safe!**

I've been in the bathroom for six minutes after eating the cafeteria food.

- Becky Home Ecky

number reason **1** **Stuck with Stull**

I tripped over eight other students trying to get out of Mr. Bill Stull's office as the break ended.

Banding Together

In addition to Mr. Marek Brieger's harmonica solos, the audience was also treated to Skole-Nizzle Drizzle's expert Viola skills. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

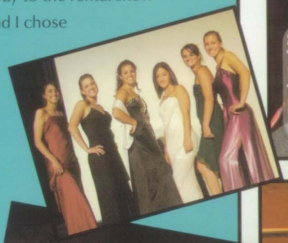
If I were a Rich Girl

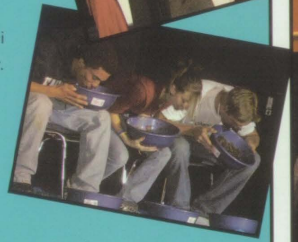
With money to throw away, Special K shakes her bling like a true heiress. Paris Hilton, watch out! . *Photo by: Jack Hustings*

Where Am I?

Reminding the crowd where exactly they are (here, obviously). Ms. Courtney Shropshire participated in the Art Department's "Happening" by holding up random signs. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

JUNIOR PROM EXPO

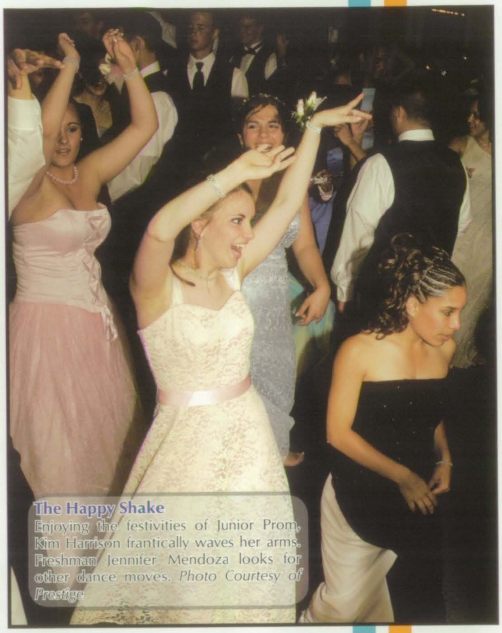




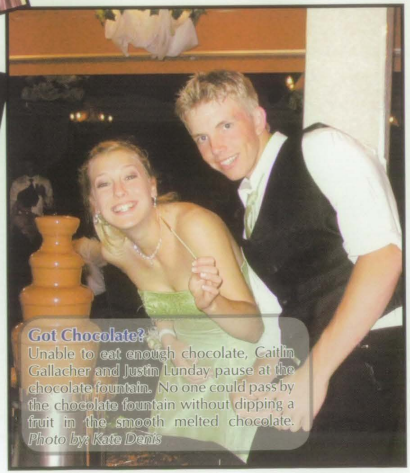
Location: Valhalla Theatre
Date: May 8th 2005
Number of People: 11 Models
Goal: To bring attention to the newest prom fashions and to get Juniors hyped up for the upcoming event.

"Junior Prom Expo was one of the most unexpected things I've done this year. Katie Whitaker called me up two days before the Expo and asked me if I wanted to model. Of course I said yes. I made my way to the rental show at the Hub and I chose a black tuxedo with a tangerine vest. On the day of the Expo I still wasn't sure who I was modeling with. I found out that I was with Kristina Punwani and Caitlin Gallacher. Yess!!! After we modeled, J.D. Whitfield chose three people to eat mud and win a free prom ticket. Justin Lunday won, eating a bowl full of pudding and gummi worms. Later we went out and modeled again and they had a dance off for a free tuxedo." Kevin Phan | 11

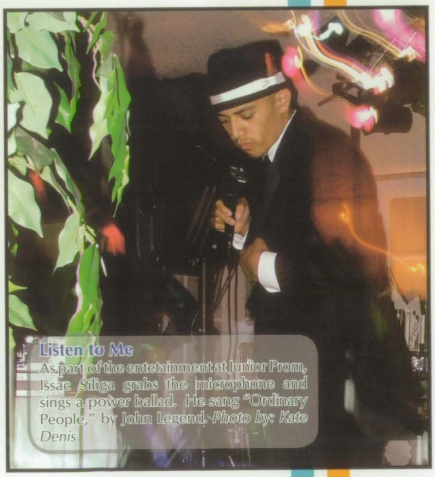
Slight Intermission
Taking a break from the dance floor, Ashley Pangelinan chats with Andrew Regopoulos. The junior shindig is a place to get to know fellow classmates. *Photo Courtesy of Prestige*



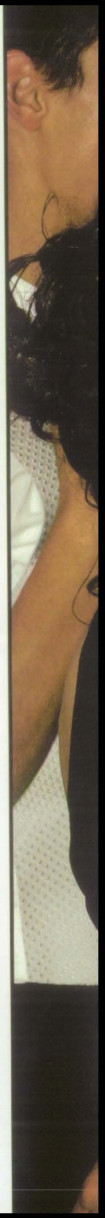
The Happy Shake
Enjoying the festivities of Junior Prom, Kim Harrison frantically waves her arms. Freshman Jennifer Mendoza looks for other dance moves. *Photo Courtesy of Prestige*

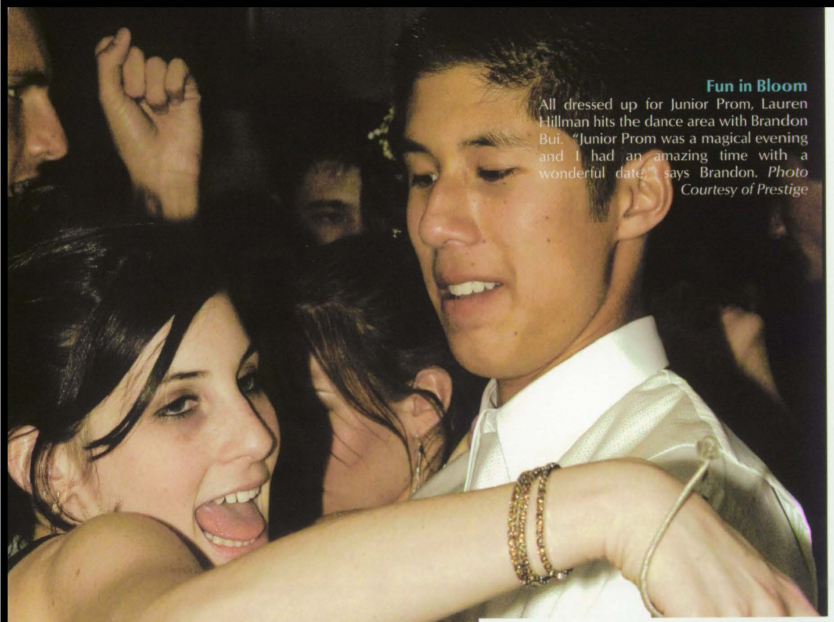


Got Chocolate?
Unable to eat enough chocolate, Caitlin Gallacher and Justin Lunday pause at the chocolate fountain. No one could pass by the chocolate fountain without dipping a fruit in the smooth melted chocolate. *Photo by: Kate Denis*



Listen to Me
As part of the entertainment at Junior Prom, Issac Siliga grabs the microphone and sings a power ballad. He sang "Ordinary People," by John Legend. *Photo by: Kate Denis*





Fun in Bloom
All dressed up for Junior Prom, Lauren Hillman hits the dance area with Brandon Bui. "Junior Prom was a magical evening and I had an amazing time with a wonderful date," says Brandon. *Photo Courtesy of Prestige*

Secret Garden

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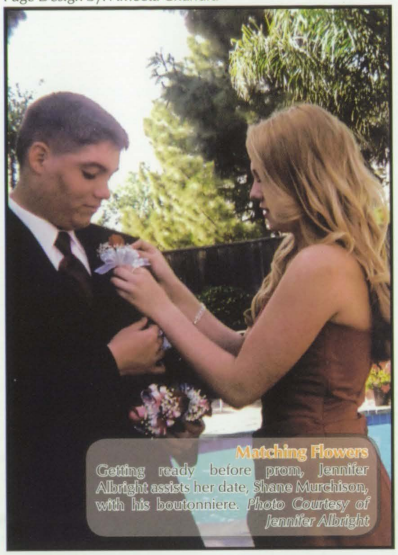


Matching Flowers
Getting ready before prom, Jennifer Albright assists her date, Shane Murchison, with his boutonniere. *Photo Courtesy of Jennifer Albright*

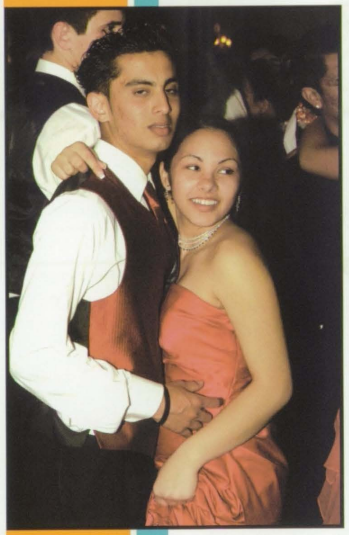
By Kevin Phan and Ameeta Chandra

Junior prom was held on Saturday, April 16, 2005 this year and is one of the most memorable things high school students experience.

However, prom can also be expensive and frustrating. For girls, it's about the dress. Once a girl finds the perfect dress things become easier since jewelry, purse, and shoes are all that's left to match with the addition of hair and nail appointments. For the boys, it's about getting a tux, making dinner reservations, and providing transportation. The corsage and boutonniere are the prom accessories that can cross the gender gap. Some gents decide to cover the whole fee; while other couples decide to have the girl buy the boutonniere and the guy buy the corsage. The couple just has to cross their fingers and hope that they match.

Most people go to prom with a date, but a few dare to be different and go solo. This year several females decided to be proactive about their dates and make the first move. "In this day and age, it is just as appropriate for a girl to ask as vice versa," says teacher Mr. Mark Shadduck. "It's a good thing because the guy knows the girl is interested," comments Kramer Peterson. On the other hand, several guys took the steps to ask the lady to the dance. Junior Jessica Chen says, "My date Michael Huang asked me to prom by decorating my driveway with candles that spelled out 'Prom?'" This year was the largest Junior Prom that Irvington had seen in years due to these brave souls.

I Got the Magic Stick
Wowing the crowd with his magic tricks, Chris McIver whirls his wand. He is also very fashionable with a top hat. *Photo Courtesy of Prestige*



Lady in Red
During a slow dance, AJ Patel and his date, Kim Wyant, share an intimate moment together. They accent each other with matching red outfits. *Photo Courtesy of Prestige*

Masked Memories

The secret that will be forever told.

Shake That!

By Matthew Joens

In movies, club scenes are always played in slow motion, because everything looks better in slow motion. Senior ball, however was an entirely different situation, as the energy of it all would make even a slow-mo film look like it was on fast forward. From the retro to the new age, the music made everyone shake it faster than Richard Simmons, as even those who normally didn't dance got up onto the floor to show off what the internet can teach you in a few hours. There was something about the night that just seemed to make everything a little better, whether it was the lavish art décor, the really good cookies, the fact that this would be the last major social event for seniors, or a combination of the three. Nonetheless, it was truly a night everyone would remember as the last night the 05 seniors rocked the house before graduation.

Baby, you mean so much to meeee!
Unlike most dances, Senior ball was innundated with slow dances. With moments like these, Huy Nguyen was able to spend those special few minutes of romance with his date, Thao Truong. *Photo by: Matt Mountford*

She said her name was Billy Jean...
At the sound of Michael Jackson, Lizette Marquez and Mitchell Johns move to the hot spot on the dance floor to show off thier true moonwalking skills. *Photo by: Matt Mountford*

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HOW...

TO rate a Restaurant

One of the most important things about prom is the restaurant. The hard part is figuring out which restaurant to choose. To make life easy, we rated some of the area's top places to eat.

1

Yes, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE FOOD?

The Scoop: It was a good restaurant for a place so small. Great service and good food.
Rating: ★★★★★
- Raymun Kohli | 12

2

The Scoop: The food was good, but the service was terrible. 52 stories off the ground, and I wasn't that impressed.
Rating: ★★★★★
- Serena Lion | 12

The Scoop: The place was awesome, and wearing bibs to protect our clothes made it all the better.
Rating: ★★★★★
- Andy Maksymowicz | 12

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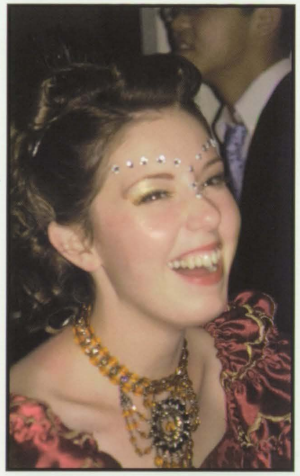
The Scoop: Big, loud, and great sushi. The chef was great entertainment.
Rating: ★★★★★
- Samantha Vo | 12

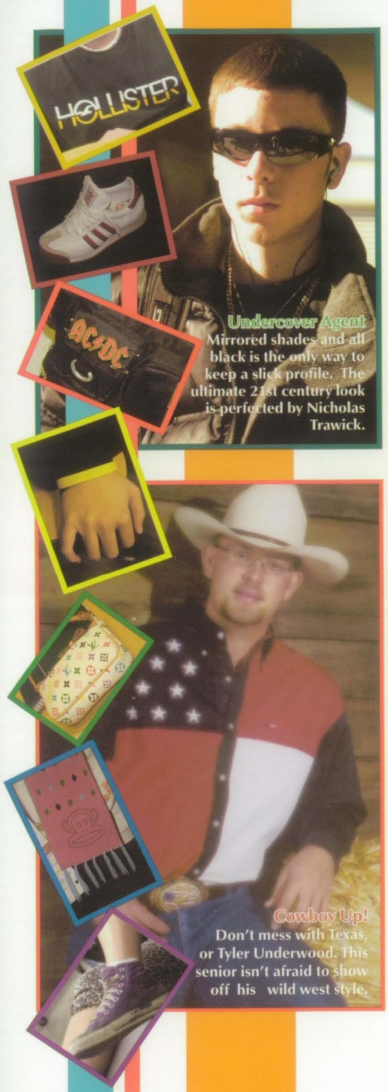


Following the theme
The dance's theme of the masquerade opened doors to really express oneself. Mindy Lindsay was by far the best dressed. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Ice, Ice Baby
Prom is always more than just romance. Elysa Iniguez and Tawney Mount ditched their dates for a second to dance together to their favorite song. *Photo by: Matt Mountford*

Sing Your Heart Out
Senioritis consisted of singing, dancing, and acting. Elizabeth Wicksted and Dustan Millward sang a duet while James Grant accompanied on the piano. *Photo by: Tiffany Nunes*

"I Wish I Had a Brain!"
With Michael Jackson in the background, Jason Reed pulls off the Robot to show off his mad retro skills. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



Undercover Agent
Mirrored shades and all black is the only way to keep a slick profile. The ultimate 21st century look is perfected by Nicholas Trawick.

Cowboy Up!
Don't mess with Texas, or Tyler Underwood. This senior isn't afraid to show off his wild west style.

What is Fashion?

By Ameeta Chandra

Fashion can mean a number of things to different people. It can determine who you're friends with, how popular you are, or what "label" you get stuck with. So what does fashion mean at Irvington? Several students and staff members shared their definition.

"Fashion is what keeps every teenager the same." Amber Steiner | 11

"Fashion is what people hype it up to be." Vikram Prakash | 11

"Fashion is who you are and how you look." Joseph Carrethers | 11

"Fashion is whatever expresses your individuality." Tawny Schrodetzki | 12

"Pretty clothes, maybe even stylish." Kathleen Percelle | 09

"A sense of who you are and individuality." Noelle Blanco | 12

"Something that doesn't expose the waist." Dr. Mary Zimmerman | Staff

"Voluntarily spending vast amounts of money to have someone else's name on your T-shirt." Ms. Natalia Skolnik | Staff

"Everything I do catches on...eventually. You just wait and see!" Mrs. Kate Denis | Staff

"Fashions fade, but style is

-Yves Saint Laurent

Alexis Green & Mimi Nguyen

Tim Camara, Lorraine Rego

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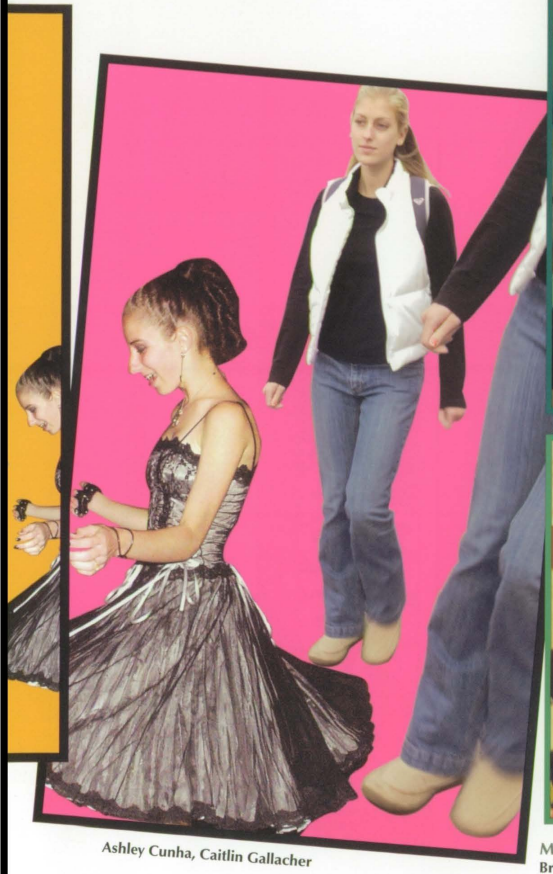
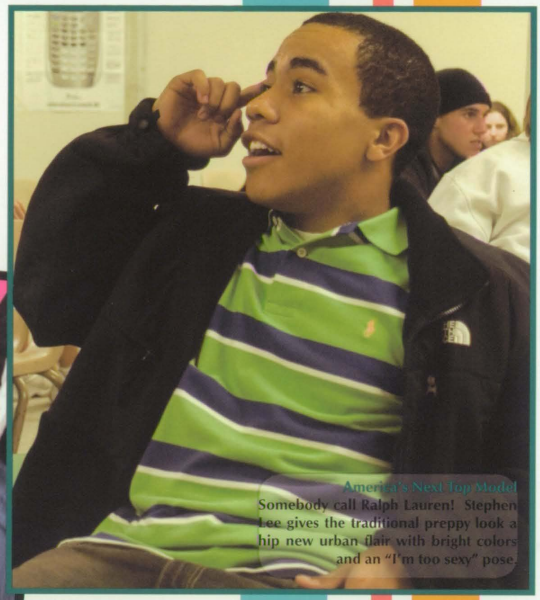
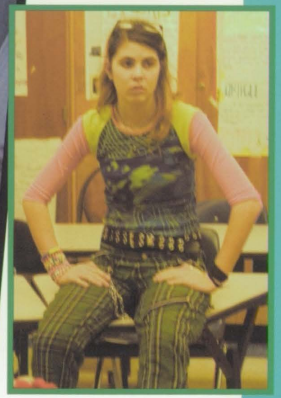


Ashley Cunha, Caitlin Gallacher



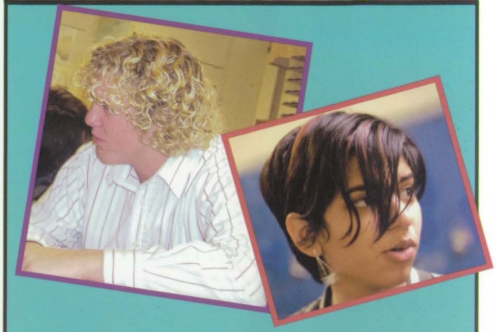
America's Next Top Model
Somebody call Ralph Lauren! Stephen Lee gives the traditional preppy look a hip new urban flair with bright colors and an "I'm too sexy" pose.



Mad for Plaid
Bright colors, candy jewelry and plenty of plaid are the staples of fashion in Elizabeth Emge's wardrobe. Top it all off with a wallet chain and funky socks for a truly unique look.

We love the '80's!
Why pay top dollar at the mall for cheesy imitations when you can have the real deal? Smart shoppers Brittany Jenesse and Tori Bennett hit ThriftTown and spent just $6 each for their vintage homecoming dresses .

ALWAYS A GOOD HAIR DAY



Have you ever had a bad hair day? Hair is something that allows people to show off their own unique personal style. You can leave it natural, add color, or even just try a good up-do every so often. Scott Hamilton, Ameeta Chandra, and Mrs. Kate Denis show off just a few of these options. "My hair is all natural and I barely even put in gel; it's a family thing," says Scott Hamilton. "Cutting my hair off was a pretty drastic move considering it was down to my waist," Ameeta Chandra remembers. "And then having to wait 6 years for highlights made the experience even more memorable." As for Mrs. Denis, will she ever go blue? "Probably not," she explains, "My Beauty Operator won't do blue or bright red because it would run all over the other hair."

The Link With No Connection

By David Taube

The Republican Party is one that provides justice, universal freedom and morality into this vast world of violence, tyranny and atrocity. The Republican Party does not shy away from the ripple affects other world governments condemn us to. Instead, they are a people that proliferate our God given right of freedom as well as provide stability and prosperity upon our country.

Although I was too young to vote, I was convinced to make a difference in this 2004 election; so I drove to our Alameda Republican Headquarters. Surprisingly, they had many opportunities for youth involvement such as phone banking, precinct walking and rally set ups, all of which I participated in. As a bonus I had the opportunity to meet political candidates such as Arnold Schwarzenegger, Bill Pease, George Bruno, Guy Huston, and many others. Overall, this was a beneficial experience and I would encourage everyone, whether Republican or Democrat, to volunteer in the next elections.

"The strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored."
(California Republican Party)

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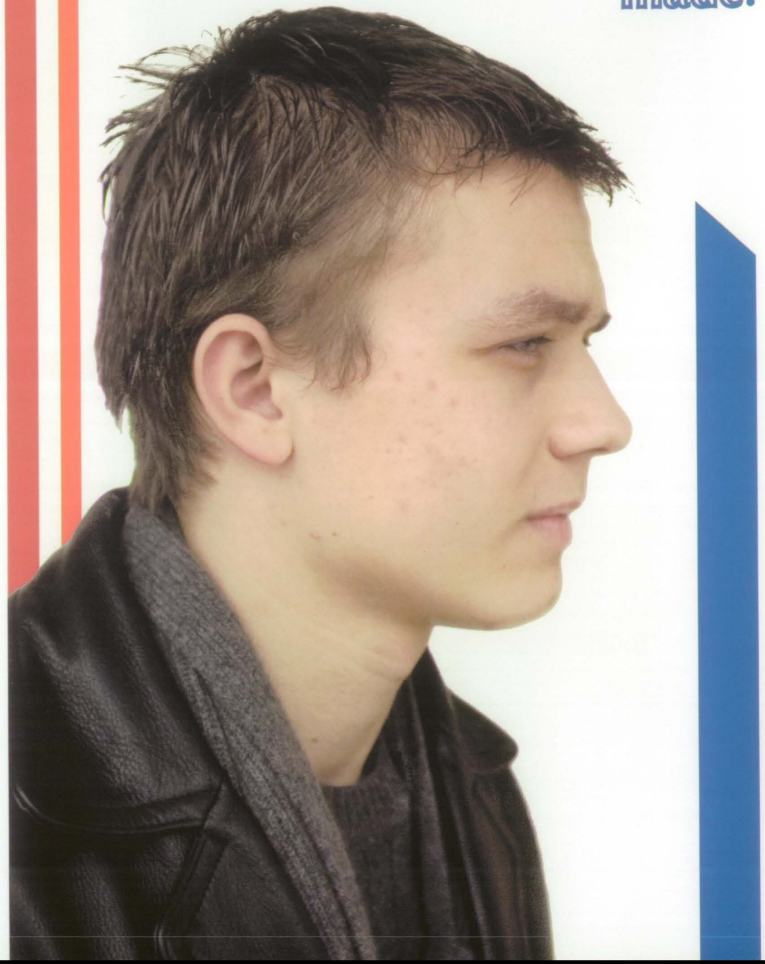
Top Ten Reasons to vote for the Democrats

10. You believe our government must do it because everyone in Europe does.
9. You honestly feel that alcoholics deserve social security disability benefits.
8. Want to know why we don't offer schooling in prisons.
7. You might be a democrat if you feel fidelity means not cheating on your mistress.
6. An international litmus test is an idiotic concept for foreign policy.
5. You like to pretend you understand what boring people say.
4. You change positions more than Kerry's favorite hobby, Wind Surfing.
3. Democrats rely on one of Hollywood's dumbest donkies, (Michael Moore) to fulfill their political propaganda.
2. You like candidates who use Purple Hearts as a quick escape home to join an Anti-War Movement.
1. You support a party who is also supported by Bin Laden.

"THERE ARE TWO things you don't want to see BEING made:



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Top Ten Reasons to REALLY vote for the Democrats

10. John Kerry is cool because he kite boards and plays hockey.

9. Kerry and Edwards families are just a whole big group of pretty people.

8. Kerry would have restored diginity and actual honesty to the White House.

7. Kerry isn't afraid of being married to an actual human being rather than a puppet.

6. Edwards is incredibly gorgeous.

5. Kerry can speak fluent French, while Bush is still struggling with English.

4. Edwards is cute.

3. John Kerrry has never rendered himself unconscious with a pretzel.

2. John Edwards is HOT!

1. Kerry can correctly pronounce complicated words like "nuclear" and "subliminal."

For The Love of Ketchup!

By Manika Casterline

My love for political science was derived at first from a purely materialistic force and has strengthened to being a genuine passion. I was never raised in a household that was staunchly civically engaged in terms of voting. The ideal of service and change however, are attributes that I have attained from my genetics. My grandfather on my mothers' side would rush home after a long day of farm work in the Philippines just to cheer in a political rally. On the other side, my grandfather Casterline and my own dad have served in our armed forces. My interest began around the time when the 2000 presidential campaign was already in full swing. I choose to be a Democrat largely on the basis that I know everyone deserves equal opportunity not just those who happen to be affluent.

This past election season, I utilized my civic education skills outside the foundation that is Irvington High School. The journey led me to volunteering my non-academic focused hours at the local Ohlone Area Democrat headquarters. I learned the campaign process from beyond the confines of mere textual references. I spent a vast quantity of time calling others so as to inform them not simply just that they ought to vote for Senator John Kerry to be the 44th president of the United States of America, but other local democrat candidates as well. I had my share of awkward moments filled with people hanging up the phone on me or ranting that there is no way that they would ever vote for Kerry/Edwards. The local candidates would frequently stop by the office and I got to discuss issues with Bob Wasserman in particular and other high school volunteers over takeout dinner on an informal level. I am a year shy of the voting age, yet I have had hands on experience that proves there is most certainly more than a single way to truly rock the vote.

Irvington International

Students from all over the world meet at Irvington

By Miina Tikkanen

Every year a large number of foreign students arrive at Irvington, but how much do we actually know about the differences they face?

Switching schools is hard for anyone. Leaving friends, favorite teachers, and familiar places, can be nerve wracking. However, moving to another country is an amazing and challenging experience. No matter how hard you try, you will end up in situations where you don't know how to act.

As a foreigner myself, I know what I'm talking about. The curriculum in the United States differs a lot from many other countries. Here we only take six classes, and the schedule is the same every day throughout the year. In many other European countries, students are required to take as many as 17 different classes, often including mandatory foreign languages, and the schedule may change several times a year.

Compared to my country, Finland, the student life is a completely different adventure. We don't go out for lunch, but eat a school provided meal in the cafeteria. Most activities take place outside school and there aren't many clubs or sports teams in school. Schools are not even nearly as diverse as Irvington. We don't have the great opportunity to get to know people from different cultures.

Kylie Tsai from Taiwan, Dhrumil Patel from India, and Chen Chen from China, all moved here less than a year ago. They say the differences are noticeable compared to their own schools. "I think school is harder in China," says Chen. The others think the same and Kylie adds. "We also have more freedom here [compared to] schools in Taiwan."

Cheerful Chen-Chen
Smiling on the Irvington campus, Chen Chen describes schools in China. "We have to take 10 - 11 different classes. Students are also very competitive there."
Photo by: Miina Tikkanen

Where in the world?

Across an ocean

Siarhei Vishniakou moved from Belarus in May 2003. He talks about the differences between his school and Irvington:

"At our school we have to take 17 classes, but we can't choose anything. We have to study languages such as Belorussian, Russian and English, but we don't have any arts.

"At Irvington you have different people in all your classes, but in Belarus you have the same people all the time. Over there students stay in the same class, but the teachers move around.

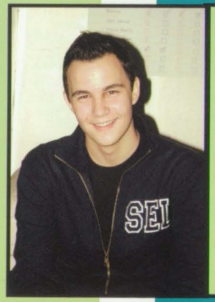
"Our school building is different too, and we have no campus. There aren't many foreign students. I think the [classes are] harder in Belarus."

Bilingual

One of our new students is Dhrumil Patel, who moved here from India last summer. "Besides English, we have to study languages like Hindi and Gujrati," he says about his school. India is not the only school that requires more than one foreign language. *Photo by: Miina Tikkanen*

The Teachings in Taiwan

According to Kylie, teachers have similar teaching methods in Taiwan, but they are much nicer here. "They are so friendly and helpful," she says with a smile. Kylie has been here for less than a year. *Photo by: Miina Tikkanen*



"I find it weird that we have to go to school for 12 years in the United States before graduating. In Denmark this would already be my second year in college."

Daniel Ferrarese | 11

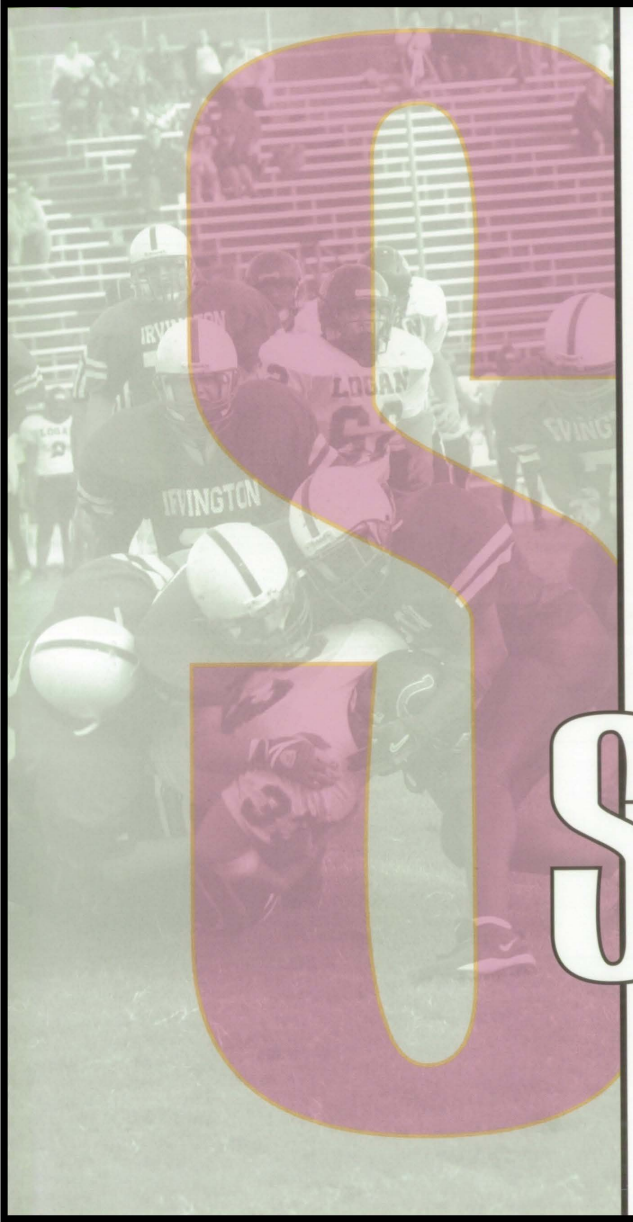
FINISHING SCHOOL

Makelanrinne upper secondary school By Miina Tikkanen

The school system in Finland is very different. For example, we start high school at the age of 16, and graduate in 2, 3, or 4 years, depending on how hard you work.

The school year is divided into five semesters. Between every semester the classes change, requiring everyone to find new friends quickly. Students make their own schedule; they can choose which classes to take and when to take them, what time they come to school or what time they leave. There are even free periods, where students are allowed to do homework, go to the school's gym, or just hang out.

Even the school building is different; the house usually has several stories, but the campus is very small because we don't have any sport fields or big parking lots.



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Sports gives me a chance to relax, as odd as it sounds. I can take my stress out on the ball or the other team. The people are unforgettable and our team is more a group of best friends instead of teammates. Pasta nights, sleep overs, and crab feeds created lasting memories for me. Dressing up at school to promote our game, and going out to lunch is always fun. The bond can never be broken. I love whoever invented sports, whether it be football, tennis, or badmiton. The fans are the best. I love the dedication they have. Rain or shine, they are out there, body paint and all. The enthusiasm from the crowd keeps me pumped up and determined. Sports involves so much more than talented players, it involves heart and dedication as well, and that's why I love it.

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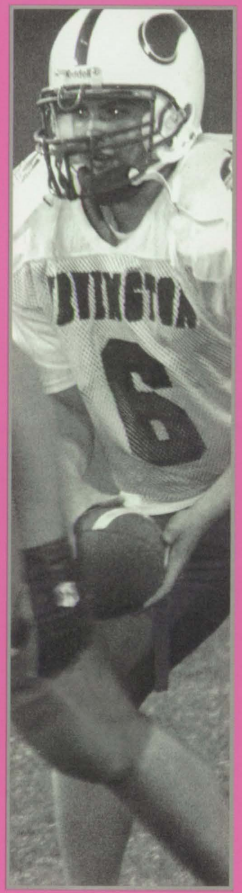
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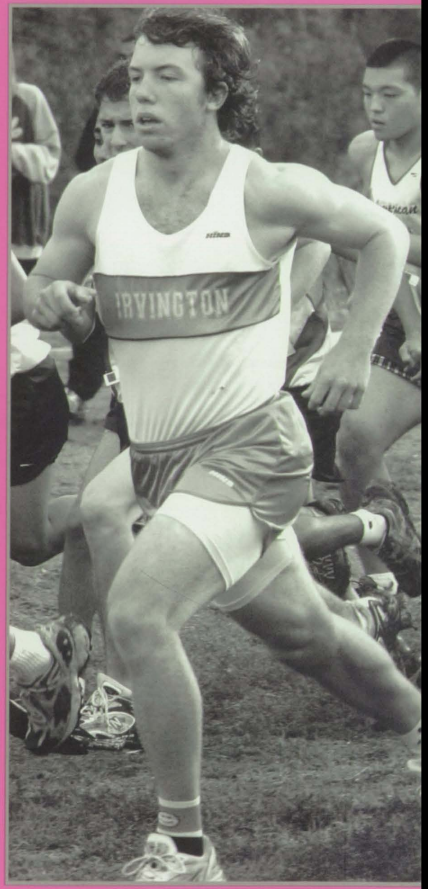
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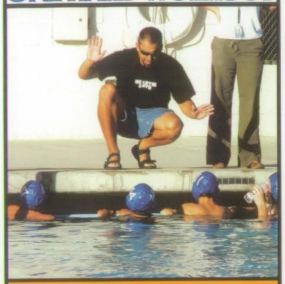
Eight Feet Under

ONE HARD WORKOUT



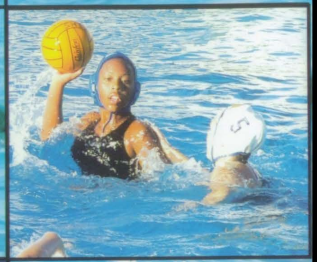
Coach Jeff Hancock wanted this year's team to be strong and well fit for the season. The average workout consisted of:

- Stretching
- 20 laps freestyle
- 10 laps eggbeater
- Push-up laps
- Ball handling drills
- 5 minute passing drills
- Scenario practice
- Scrimmage practice

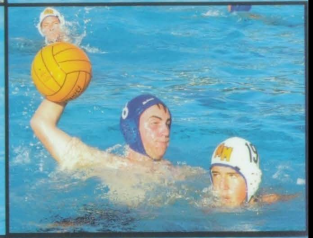
For two hours, five days a week, these waterpolo players would do nothing but learn the game better and improve their skills. Despite all of the hard work, these amazing players never lost hope and performed very well.

Ready, Steady, Aim!
In the furious battle against Mission, junior Steve Hutchings sets up for a pass. The months of vigorous practice paid off as his receiving teammate was in prime position for a score against the Warriors. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*

Undivided Attention
Concentration is everything when it comes to setting up for a pass. Posed and ready, Quiana Thompson quickly searches for open teammates in a game against Newark Memorial. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*



Wall of Water
Being a goalie in water polo requires the skills to be able to jump high out of the water. Junior varsity goalie Hannah Moreno has mastered that skill and blocks Newark's shot with ease. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*



Taking a Deep Breath
Cocking his arm and ready to throw a yellow bullet, Dustin Millword takes one last breath before making the pass. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*

Bigger, Better Splashes

By Matthew Joens

Under eight feet of water nobody can hear you scream, and after the water polo team's performance this year, other schools had reason to fear the truth in this.

After having an awesome season last year, some were skeptical of how well the teams were going to do this year. Both junior varsity and varsity were very young. However, we saw amazing cooperation between the teams despite the gap between the players' ages. Even though both girls and boys varsity missed out on MVAL's, they still did an outstanding job.

In order to get into get into the life of a water polo player, we decided to interview a couple members of the teams.

SAGA: How do you think the teams performed this year?

Jordan Clark: I think the teams performed really well. Even though we didn't win a game, everybody gave their best effort. We will do better next year for sure.

Stephanie Tsuyemura: Considering that the girl's team is young, I think we did pretty well.

SAGA: What was your favorite moment of the season?

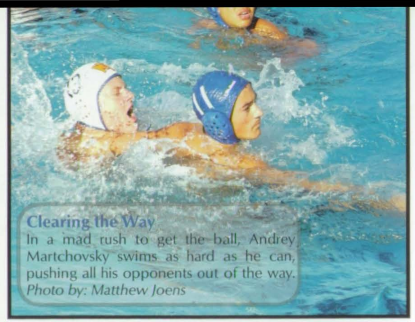
Kat Ashley: My favorite moment of this season was when I saw many of our more timid players score for the first time. To see their face light up was amazing.

Jordan Clark: My favorite moment was when I got pantsed in front of all of the girls.

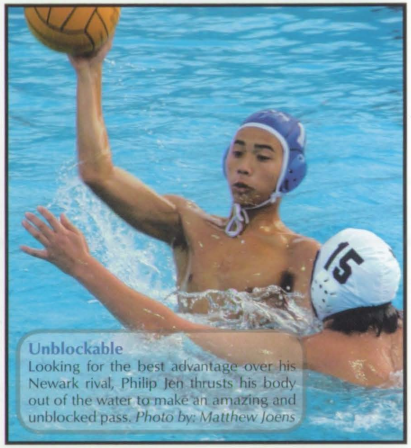
SAGA: What do you see in the team's future?

Stephanie Tsuyemura: I see a pretty bright future ahead of us. All of the girls have so much potential and will improve greatly in the years to come.

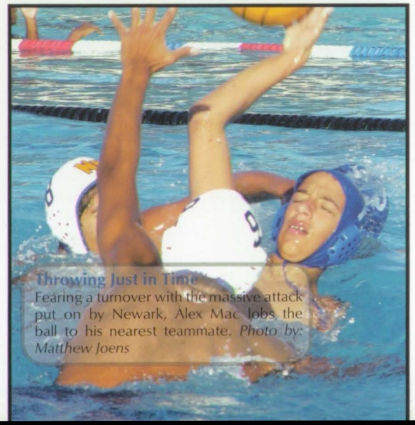
Kat Ashley: I see this team doing wonders. This team has a lot of talent and should go all the way.



Clearing the Way
In a mad rush to get the ball, Andrey Martchovsky swims as hard as he can, pushing all his opponents out of the way. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*



Unblockable
Looking for the best advantage over his Newark rival, Philip Jen thrusts his body out of the water to make an amazing and unblocked pass. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*



Throwing Just in Time
Fearing a turnover with the massive attack put on by Newark, Alex Mac lobs the ball to his nearest teammate. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*

IRVINGTON GIRL'S & BOY'S WATERPOLO 2004-05
Front Row: Andrew Makk, Crystal Rooks, Bethie Koenig, Jinnelle Little, Kelsey St. Marie, Lindsey Flores, Stephanie Tsuyemura, Kat Ashley, Amy Lovlien, Quiana Thompson, Raha Sadjadi, Katy Holtog, Hannah Moreno, Max Jen. **2nd Row:** Ryan Muldoon, Sarah Belles, Nicole Burgess, Kavya Rao, Sarah Jeremiah, Lindsey Poulton, Alicia Starkey, Kayla Kleinsasser, Riot Bennett, Brittany Jenesse, Andrey Marlchousky. **3rd Row:** Andrew Liu, Sergey Vishniqkou, Jordan Clark, Steve Hutchings, Peter Liu, Ron Webster, Lenny Tang. **Back Row:** Coach Jeff Hancock, Jacob Sacuty, Clayton Sahotone, Danny Degregorio, Scott Merryman, Alex Poole, DJ Giguere, Philip Jen, James Grant, Dustan Millward, Mark Abubekerov, Jeff Cespon, Coach Shane Henderson. *By NW Photography Inc.*

SCORE BOARD

	Boys	Girls
Junior Varsity	1-9	1-9
Varsity	0-10	2-8

Playing Fast
Looking for an open person, Kat Ashley makes a quick play to her teamate. A fast paced game keeps the excitement up. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*

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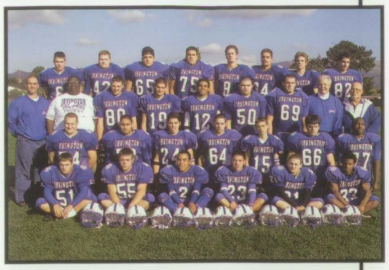
Successful Tackle
Junior Varsity players, Trevor Wall, Tyler Broom, and Robert Turbin, flatten their Logan opponent to the ground. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*

IRVINGTON VARSITY FOOTBALL 2004-2005
Front Row: Drew Tindall, Eric Fiance, Stephen Lee, Sonny Suminguit, Kyle Padilla, Steven Swaby **2nd Row:** Ian Horvath, Baasil Khan, Gabe Martinez, Kyle Denne, Steven Randolph, David Cosgrove, Chris McIver **3rd Row:** Coach Bob Spain, Coach Alex Smith, Jason Reed, A.J. Peixoto, Ted Green, Mike Frary, Ben Palmberg, Coach Skip Cain, Coach Jim Ingram **4th Row:** Shane Murchison, James Smith, Nick Perlegos, Tommy Lamanna, Jacob Daricek, Keoki Kalawaia, J.T. Ramos, Daniel Morrissey. *By NW Photography Inc.*

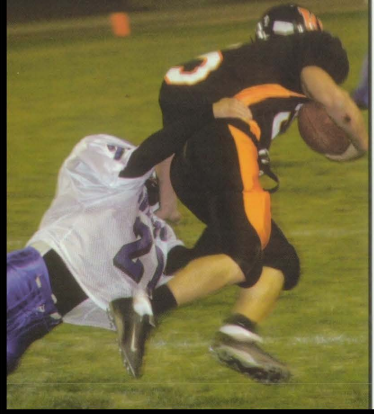


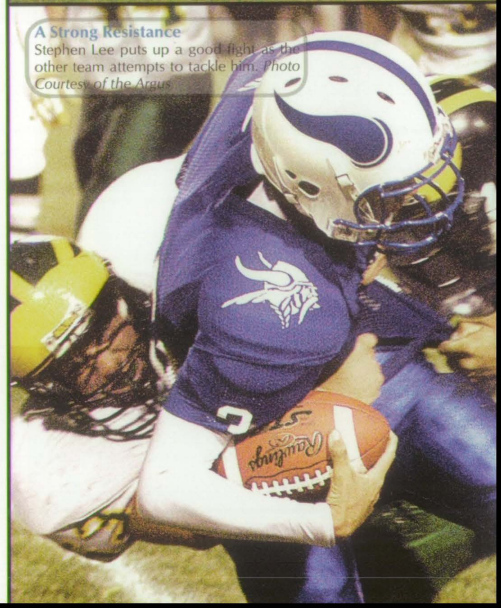
IRVINGTON J.V. FOOTBALL 2004-2005
Front Row: Lance Underwood, Chris Gard, Garrett Simpson, Daniel Rodriguez, Marc Palacio, Nigel Singh **2nd Row:** John Perkins, Robert Turbin, Fermin Cruz, Roshadd Miller, Shabir Sarwary, Brian Hartigan, Trent Herrington **3rd Row:** Coach Will Smith, Jeff Wright, Johnny Hsieh, Daniel Rojas, Jonathan Green, Tyler Broom. Tommy Denne, Anthony Trujillo, Steve Davis, Coach Cain **4th Row:** Keoni Kalawaia, Brandon Zumwalt, Grant Miller, Ian Whiles, Matt Sellers, Rahul Sharma, Trevor Wall, Francisco Marquez. *By NW Photography Inc.*

IRVINGTON FRESHMEN FOOTBALL 2004-2005
Front Row: Christopher Garcia, Gepo Wiana, Ryan Sullivan, Daniel Duran, Michael Bernstein, Omar Eldesouky, Jeremy Singh. **2nd Row:** Emmanuel Dadzie, Reginald Tamse, Jesse Ramirez, Anthony Villalobos, Wilson Chan, Brian Voisin, Andrew Valdez, Daniel Dadzie. **3rd Row;** Coach Wayne Stone. Anthony Lagan, Mark Gailey, Jomar Palma, Zach Bush, Elijah Latchison, Matthew Yuen, Cameron Steckel, Coach Ron Odfind. **4th Row:** Bryan Simeoli, Asad Chishty, Brittley Tringali, Ian Smith, Quy Nguyen, David Blondia. **Back Row:** Gary Handa, Patrick Ballard, John Rodriguez, Donald Arriola, Thomas Gray, Cameron Johnson. *By NW Photography Inc.*

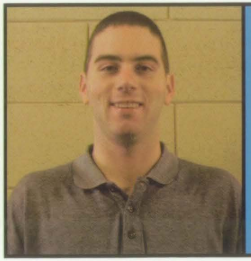
Great Iron Glory
Making an aggressive tackle, Sonny Suminguit brings down his Amador opponent. *Photo Courtesy of the Argus*

Taking a Dive
Kyle Padilla makes one last attempt to bring down the Washington player. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*





A Strong Resistance
Stephen Lee puts up a good fight as the other team attempts to tackle him. *Photo Courtesy of the Argus*



> "I will never forget the long hours of work and sweat that created the football team we are today. No matter how tough it became it was always fun because we were doing it with friends."
>
> Kyle Denne | 12

Making the Final Distance

Varsity celebrates the best season seen in years

By the Viking Varsity Football Team

The 2004 - 2005 football season was a huge success. Finishing 4 -2 in league, we ended with one of the best records in Viking football history.

Vs. Newark:
- First league game of the year.
- Varsity beat Newark, 27 - 14, for the first time in five years.
- Strong play by defense brought home the gold.

Vs. Mission:
- Vikings won by 49 -14.
- Victory was made possible by Stephen Lee's school record 275 yards and four touchdowns.

Vs. American:
- Game went into overtime and brought the Vikings a win, 31 - 28.

Vs. Kennedy:
- Also known as: "The Battle of Blacow."
- This game had a lot of meaning for the seniors. The team was determined to beat Kennedy to settle past scores.
- Varsity played a perfect game offense, defense, and special teams, ending the game at 42 - 14.

The season ended with great successes. Jacob Daricek had 29 receptions and Stephen Lee rushed for an amazing 1,018 yards. Several players also received league honors. Tommy Lamanna made first team at left guard, Jacob Daricek made first team tight end, Stephen Lee made 1st team at kick returner, and second team at running back. Ben Palmberg made second team at offensive and defensive line, Sonny Suminguit and Ted Green made second team defensive back.

Bringing Down the Opponent
Trevor Wall, Steve Davis, Keoni Kalawaia, and Matthew Sellers run towards the Logan player and attempt to tackle him. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*

Eye of the Tiger
With a determined gleam in his eye, Shane Murchison looks for an open receiver after taking the ball from the center. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*

SCORE BOARD

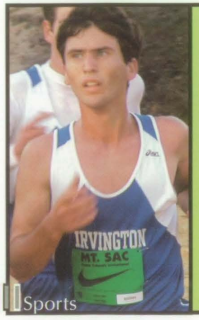
Varsity	Junior Varsity	Freshmen
Newark - 27- 14 (W)	20 - 21 (L)	(L)
Washington - 23 - 26 (L)	8 - 8 (T)	(L)
Kennedy - 42 - 14 (W)	35 - 6 (W)	(L)
Logan - 6 - 42 (L)	14 - 21 (L)	(L)
American - 18 - 18 (T)	14 - 21 (L)	(L)
Mission - 47 - 14 (W)	28 - 6 (W)	(L)

CROSS COUNTRY STATS

Boys Varsity	League: 4-2	
Boys Junior Varsity	League: 4-2	NCS: 13th
Boys Frosh-Soph	League: 4-2	
Girls Varsity	League: 0-3	
Girls Junior Varsity	League: 3-3	NCS: 21th

IRVINGTON CROSS COUNTRY 2004-2005

Front Row: Stephanie Wong, Tammy Tsai, Laurie Holtog, Sammie Smith, Kristina Punwani, Veronica Madrigal, Vanessa Bahney **2nd Row:** Jared Lomker, David Thomson, Shan Howerton, Anna Chan, Miina Tikkanen, Meeka Gandhi, Sarah Sanders, Sarah Baugher, Eric Martinez, Steven Baugher, Ryan Flowe **Last Row:** Matt Meyers, Robert Meyers, Keith Strong, Tim Camara, Avinash Kumar, Jack Husting, Brandon Martin, Patrick Herndon, Jeffrey Zmolek, Matt Galdin, Usman Qasim, Matt Burri, Nikhil Singh, Matt Joens, Coach Skye Langs. *By Nw Photography Inc.*



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"Running, it is the barrier, the test that divides the mortals from the legends. Few can hope to pass or endure the test. I hope and intend to do so."

Jeff Zmolek | 12

WHAT DO WE WANT?!

Before every cross country race the boys junior varsity would chant "What do we want?" "Pancakes!" "When do we want 'em?" "Now!" The boys varsity would chant "What do we want?" "Potatoes!" (Potatoes were for Jeff Zmolek, one of the boys captain's, who loved potatoes much more than pancakes) "When do we want 'em?" "Now!"

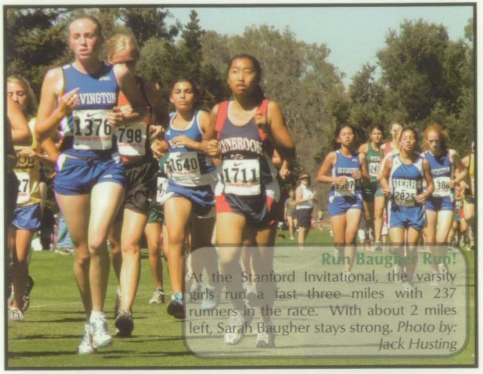
This is the story behind the pancakes

By Brandon Martin

"Once upon a time, we did a grueling run up Mission Peak...a total of 8 miles from my house. The temperature outside was about 90...110. I ran out front setting a blistering pace for the rest of the team. Of course, for the last 3 days I hadn't had any water. I don't remember too much about the run after that... but on the way back, the team started to turn on me. They said things like "My feet are bleeding! And "I already threw up twice!" What I had to do was motivate them, give them a part rah speech. I motivated the team with pancakes to the point where I got them saying "What do we want?" "Pancakes!" "When do we want 'em?" "Now!""

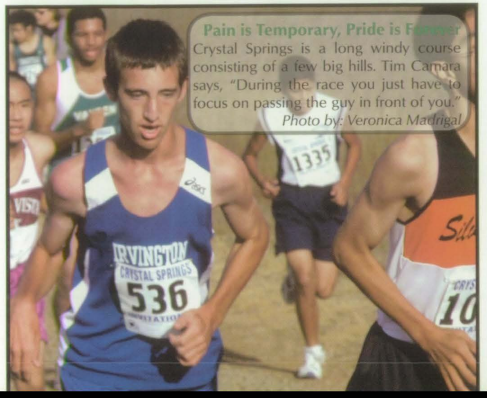
Squirrel in My Pants

After a victory against Newark and Washington the team sings the Squirrel Song. Brandon Martin leads the chant with the squirrel in his pants. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



Run Baugher Run!

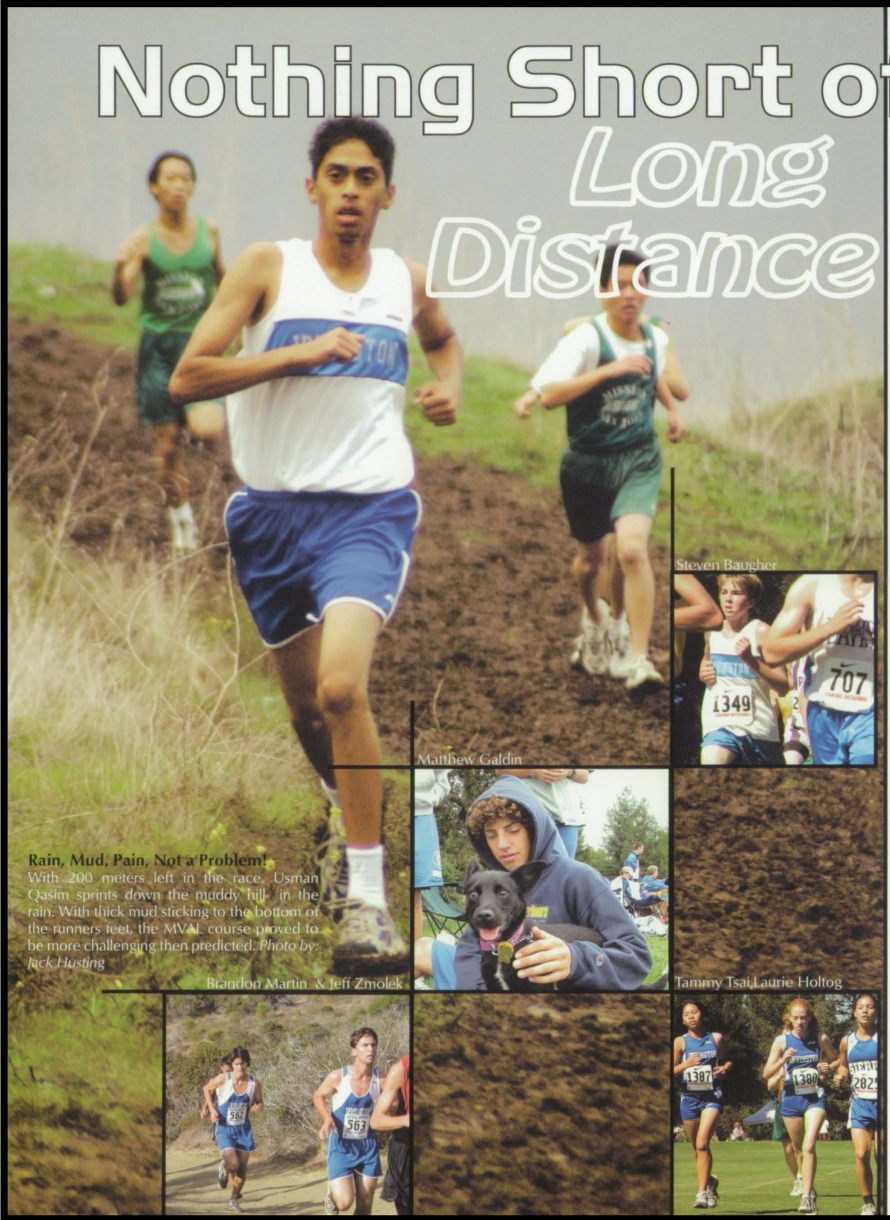
At the Stanford Invitational, the varsity girls run a fast three miles with 237 runners in the race. With about 2 miles left, Sarah Baugher stays strong. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



Pain is Temporary, Pride is Forever

Crystal Springs is a long windy course consisting of a few big hills. Tim Camara says, "During the race you just have to focus on passing the guy in front of you." *Photo by: Veronica Madrigal*

Nothing Short of Long Distance



Rain, Mud, Pain, Not a Problem!
With 200 meters left in the race, Usman Qasim sprints down the muddy hill in the rain. With thick mud sticking to the bottom of the runners feet, the MVAL course proved to be more challenging then predicted. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Steven Baugher

Matthew Galdin

Brandon Martin & Jeff Zmolek

Tammy Tsai,Laurie Holtog

Who says 10 miles is a long way?

By Jack Husting

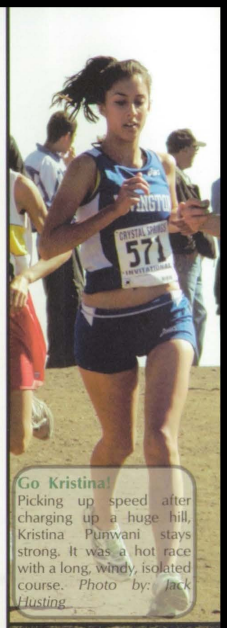
What do you get when you mix a lot of things that don't make sense and put them together?

A. Putting a squirrel in the team captain's pants and chanting the squirrel song: "I have a squirrel it's in my pants, I have a squirrel it's in my pants..."
B. Attempting to drink a gallon of whole milk in an hour.
C. Grass wars at practice.
D. Randomly singing Disney songs
E. All of the above

"E" is the correct answer. Because, with A, B, C, and D, you get a hard working Cross Country team that knows how to have fun.

Cross Country is not just a place to run until you puke all over, it's a place to come and be yourself. "The Cross Country team was very close, and had a good time together. That made running more fun," said Laurie Holtog. The team takes pride in the fact they can be different, have fun, and still win races. Running as much as ten miles up huge muddy hills in all weather (rain, shine, and whatever else the forecast brings), Cross Country is regarded as one of the hardest enduring sports. "Why do I run you might ask? Why do we torture our bodies and go through so much pain? I really don't know... basically it's just really really fun- or I'm a psycho," said Patrick Herndon.

It's impossible to start a race without getting a "pre race hack" in (making sure every one hits the hacky sack before it hits the ground) and chanting about pancakes or potatoes. Every one shows up early to cheer on team mates and every one leaves together after the squirrel song. "It's been another great season. It's my 4th year coaching and it just keeps getting better. This team worked hard and got along really well," said Coach Skye Langs.



Go Kristina!
Picking up speed after charging up a huge hill, Kristina Punwani stays strong. It was a hot race with a long, windy, isolated course. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

FORE!
With a mile left in his race, senior Matt Joens makes a final push on the bouncy green of the Stanford golf course. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

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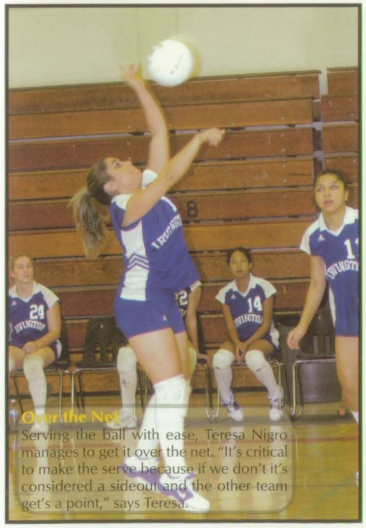
IRVINGTON GIRL'S JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL 2004-2005
Front Row: Jessica DeMarta, Katie Schall, Trisha Mittal. **2nd Row:** Erica Bolivar, Jessica Maria, Danielle Klein. **3rd Row:** Leah Winkley, Lindsay McCarthy, Jennifer Mendoza. **4th Row:** Amanda Peixoto, Valerie Lima, Tracy Farmer, Danielle Promes, Coach Sharon Hicks, Kendra Howser, Dale Lai, Belyn Lai. *By NW Photography*

IRVINGTON GIRL'S VARSITY VOLLEYBALL 2004-2005
Bottom Row: Corey Fujioka, Danielle Cain, Courtney Sherman, Diandra Jacinto. **Left Side Going Up:** Katie Kester, Megan Smith, Katie Farmer, Alison Nielsen. **Right Side Going Up:** Mandy Winkley, Teresa Nigro, Brienne Peixoto, Vy Lu. Center Coach Kim Martin. *By NW Photography*

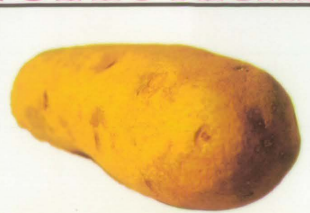
SCORE BOARD

Varsity	Junior Varsity
Logan - (L)	(L)
Mission - (L)	(W)
Kennedy - (W)	(W)
American - (L)	(T)
Newark - (W)	(W)



Over the Net
Serving the ball with ease, Teresa Nigro manages to get it over the net. "It's critical to make the serve because if we don't it's considered a sideout and the other team get's a point," says Teresa.

POTATO NIGHT

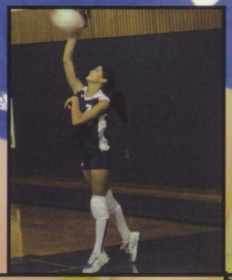


By Brienne Peixoto

The girls varsity volleyball team started a new tradition called "Potato Night." It was a great opportunity for the girls to get together and bond. After practice, before a game, and whenever the team needed a boost, the girls would gather at Courtney Sherman's house for a Potato Night. Mrs. Sherman would prepare the most delicious, gigantic potatoes ever tasted. She also created a wide variety of toppings to choose from. You could call it our very own potato buffet. Eating potatoes and laughing, we would all gather in front of the TV to watch movies and talk. The team had a potato night at least once a week. The experience was unforgettable and the memories will be cherished forever. We plan on continuing Potato Night even after volleyball season is over.

Bump It Up

Hitting it just in Time
Smiling, Courtney Sherman leans over and hits the ball. It is imperative that the ball goes over the net. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*



Serve That Ball
Every game has to start with a serve. Katie Kester gets the game started by clearing the ball over the net. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*

Slam It
Leaning back in order to prepare for the serve, Amanda Peixoto uses all her strength to get the ball up and over the net. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*

Set it up, Fan it up!

By Courtney Sherman

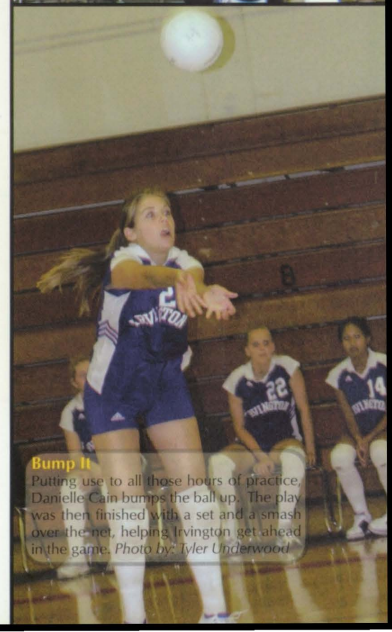
If there was one definite aspect of the girl's volleyball team that truly made us unique, it had to be that there wasn't only one superstar. Each game was an opportunity for a new girl to shine, whether she contributed outstanding blocking, hitting, or passing.

Losing six seniors from last year was tough, but between the veterans (as Martin would call us), consistency, and the fresh talent coming up from junior varsity, our team proved on multiple occasions just how much damage we could do.

With only four returning players, we wanted to start the season off strong. The third match of the season showed exactly how determined we were as we defeated Washington in five intensive games. With every year comes new challenges and this year was no different. As the season continued, we were faced with injuries left and right that involved some of our key players. Although this might have contributed to the small slump we found ourselves in, it was nothing our new potato night tradition couldn't fix!

Finishing off the season strong allowed us to gain the fourth position in MVAL's. It all came down to the last game to make it to NCS. We just did what we were told... "licked our chops" and went out "skydiving." Ultimately we lost to the undefeated Logan Colts, but our overall record ended up being 13-14. The fun never stopped with our team of 12, but scrapping for every ball and playing with the notorious Mighty Mo was what made our season so awesome. SAFETY!

Up and Over
You better hope that's not a back row attack. Lindsey McCarthy jumps high and tips the ball over the net. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*



Bump It
Putting use to all those hours of practice, Danielle Cain bumps the ball up. The play was then finished with a set and a smash over the net, helping Irvington get ahead in the game. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*

IRVINGTON GIRLS TENNIS 2004-2005

First Row: Palak Bavishi, Tiffany Prajudha, Karen Yan, Jessica Do, Kavitha Mattaparthi, Sarah Sheikh, Karina Litvak, Yvonne Fung. **2nd Row:** Shailey Vora, Tarannum Nagpurwala, Ashley Fernandes, Pooja Sheth, Suzi Khin, Jennifer Prajudha, Joy Ro, Nicole Fernandes, Arpita Neelmegh, Rashmi Joshi, Joanna Leong. **3rd Row:** Coach Kelly Low, Priya Handa, Linda Giang, Caitlin Gallacher, Vishakha Singla, Sonam Malhi, Pamela Hong, Farah Ali, Cathy Qu, Sindhuja Srinivasan, Coach Seiji Kawamura. *By NW Photography*

SCORE BOARD

Varsity		Junior Varsity	
American	(w) 5-2 (w) 6-1	American	(w) 5-2 (w) 6-1
Mission	(L) 2-5 (L) 2-5	Mission	(L) 2-5 (L) 2-5
Logan	(L) 1-6 (L) 1-6	Logan	(L) 1-6 (L) 1-6
Kennedy	(w) 7-0 (w) 7-0	Kennedy	(w) 7-0 (w) 7-0
Washington	(w) 4-3 (w) 4-3	Washington	(w) 4-3 (w) 4-3

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A GAME OF ETIQUETTE

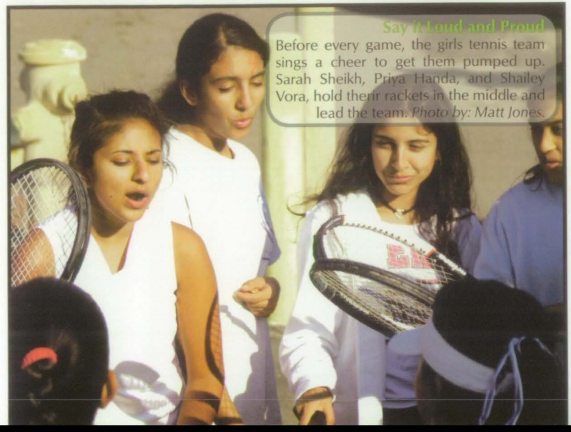
By Caitlin Gallacher

Originally a game for the rich, tennis has now become popular for everyone. However, it hasn't lost some of its traditional rules. Tennis is a game of etiquette. Before every match, it is required that each player shake hands with their opponent, the coach of the opposing team, and finally their own coach. In the beginning of our season, our coach gave us a lesson on how to properly shake hands.

There are only a few key rules that one must remember. The most important involves, the "dead fish." "This is a weak hand shake that doesn't show the strength of the player. Plus, it isn't a good way to shake hands," said Coach Segi Kawamura. The second most important rule is that you are supposed to look at the person when you shake their hand. "This shows confidence, and will intimidate your opponent," said Coach Kawamura.

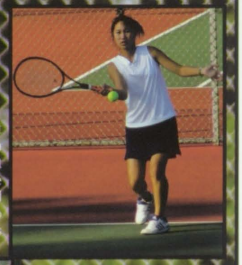
Double Take
Waiting patiently at the net, Pamela Hong, watches the other players as Vishakha Singla serves the ball. "Doubles requires a lot of teamwork and talking. *Photo by: Matt Jones*

Lunging for the Ball
In order to be a successful player, you have to be quick on your feet and ready for anything. Joanna Leong lunges for the ball in an attempt to keep the point going. *Photo by: Matt Jones*

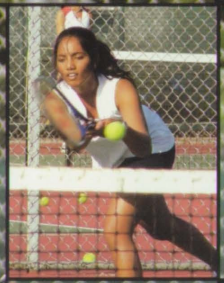


Say it Loud and Proud
Before every game, the girls tennis team sings a cheer to get them pumped up. Sarah Sheikh, Priya Handa, and Shailey Vora, hold their rackets in the middle and lead the team. *Photo by: Matt Jones*

You Gotta Love it



Cross Court Shot
In order to prevent the other team from having an easy shot, it is imperative to hit the ball cross court. Keeping her eye on the ball, Tiffany Prajuda is able to hit the ball cross court and avoid the net player. *Photo by: Matt Jones*



A Diving Shot
In order to get a shot, sometimes drastic measures have to be taken. In an attempt to save the ball from going out of bounds, [illegible] dives for the ball, and [illegible] *Jones*

Keep Your Eye on the Ball
Remembering the keep her eye on the ball, Kavitha Mattaparthi sets up to make a successful return back to her opponent. Unfortunately for the opposing team, the shot is too hard and Irvington gets a point. *Photo by: Matt Jones*

Follow Through
In order to get the ball over the net you must follow through with your shot. Jennifer Prajuda does an excellent job demonstrating this as she warms up before the game. *Photo by: Matt Jones*

Game, Set, Match.
Game over

By Caitlin Gallacher

The beginning of school means the beginning of fall sports, and the beginning of fall sports means the beginning of tennis season.

An abundance of girls came out with the hopes of making either junior varsity or varsity, but only 25 girls earned a spot on the team. Our pre-season started off quick, only four days after try-outs ended, and we had a rough start. Things didn't get much better as we suffered the loss of our assistant coach.

Luckily, Kelly Low stepped in and became our new assistant coach. She soon became the motivator of the team and always made sure everyone had a smile on their face. "We were worried about not having an assistant, but Mrs. Low came in and taught everyone something new," said Sarah Sheikh.

Soon, our team started to improve thanks to secret sisters and team bonding, provided by the dedicated team moms who threw our annual Halloween party and even surprised us with ice cream one practice. "I think the secret sister thing helped bring the team together and it made people look forward to playing," said captain Pamela Hong. With more hard work and dedication we worked our way up to third place and only suffered losses from Mission and Logan.

The season eventually ended, but the memories of Coach K's half hour speeches, ice cream parties, and inside jokes will always linger.

"I like how we all get along and how supportive everyone is of each other. No one will ever put you down."

Karen Yan | 12

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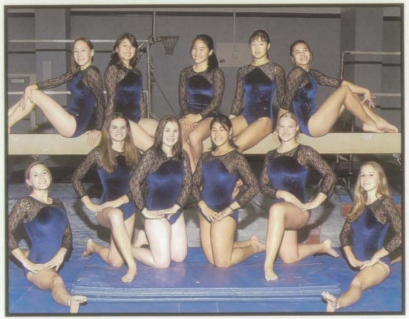
SCORE BOARD

Varsity	Junior Varsity
Mission (W)	Mission (W)
Logan (W)	Logan (W)
Kennedy (W)	Kennedy (W)
American (W)	American (W)
Washington (W)	Washington (W)
Newark (W)	Newark (W)



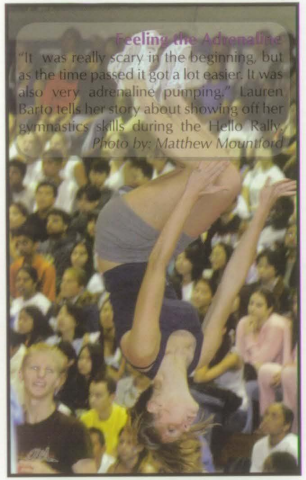
IRVINGTON GYMNASTICS 2004-2005
Front Row: Shannon Davies, Kathleen Smoak, Natalie Marlais, Melissa Hong, Shea Gluhm, Lauren Barto. **Back Row:** Sydney Montroy, Grace Jeong, Rachel Matsuoka, Michelle Lin, Adrienne Nguyen. *By NW Photography Inc.*

"I've gained a lot of self disipline by being in gymnastics. I've also learned to think optimistically during tough meets, which I can apply to real life."

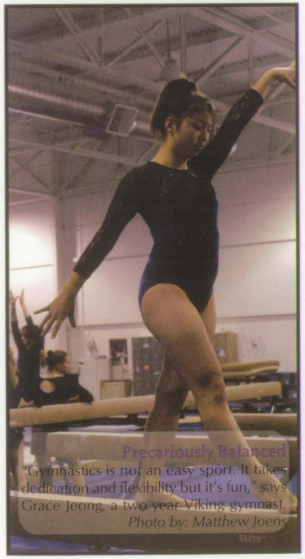
Rachel Matsuoka | 10

HOW... TO flip it back

By Kathleen Smoak



Feeling the Adrenaline
"It was really scary in the beginning, but as the time passed it got a lot easier. It was also very adrenaline pumping," Lauren Barto tells her story about showing off her gymnastics skills during the 'Hello Rally'.
Photo by: Matthew Mountford



Precariously Balanced
"Gymnastics is not an easy sport. It takes dedication and flexibility but it's fun," says Grace Jeong, a two year Viking gymnast.
Photo by: Matthew Joens

Undefeated
Until the end

By Grace Jeong & Kathleen Smoak

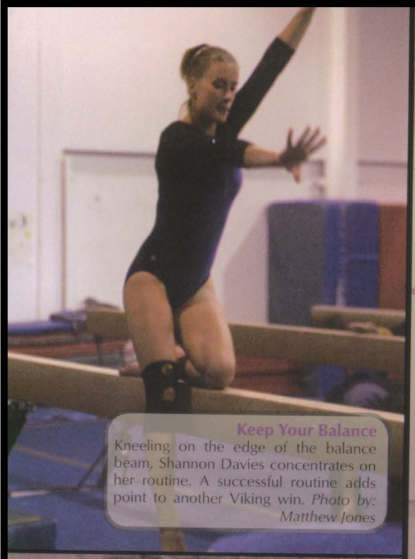
Silence fills the gym as a gymnast fearlessly glides through the air. Amazement and absolute ecstasy fills every gymnast 's heart. Self discipline, concentration, grace, and strong will are what it takes to be a gymnast, a lady vike.

From doing double back handsprings to back flips, every skill performed was a perfection to a challenge, a test of discipline to will, a unique characteristic that makes gymnastics what it is. Gymnastics is the sport that has the best of the best. With extraordinary athletes and determined individuals, the season ended with not only a happy ending, but a beautiful passion to start a new season.

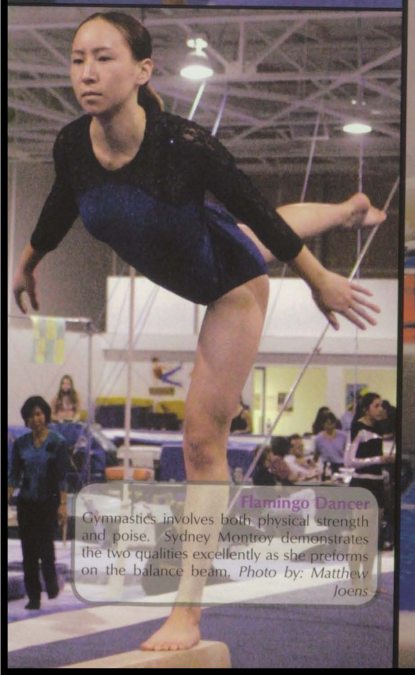
The girls showed great dedication and improvement this season. Within these girls, Sydney Montroy and Michelle Lin (on Junior Varsity) showed great enthusiasm for the sport, Grace Jeong and Melissa Hong (on Varsity) overcame new skills, and Natalie Marlais ended the season with gracefulness that we will miss greatly next year. Kathleen Smoak challenged herself , finishing the season with victory; she will be moving up to Varsity Elite next year, joining Shannon Davies and Lauren Barto, the awesome athletes who put the awe in the audience's eyes. Shea Gluhm was a great addition to our team, who pushed the team with optimism and inspiration, even when injured. Adrienne Nguyen amazed the audience with her spectacular performance, while Rachel Matsuoka scaled the beam with beauty and perfection. They will lead the future lady vikes taking our team to greater victories.

We competed league meets against Mission, Los Lomas, Washington, and Logan, clearing the way to another undefeated season. Irvington ended the season at MVAL championships, leaving with proud victories and unbreakable unity. A standing ovation to the lady vikes, bringing home the beauty to the game.

Bending Over Backwards



Keep Your Balance
Kneeling on the edge of the balance beam, Shannon Davies concentrates on her routine. A successful routine adds point to another Viking win. *Photo by: Matthew Jones*



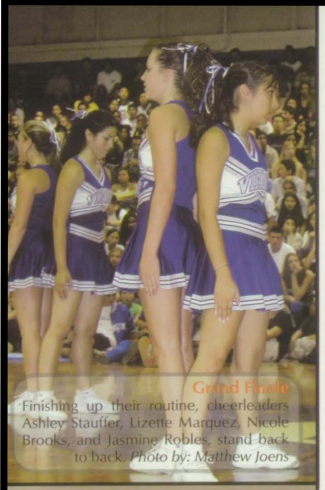
Flamingo Dancer
Gymnastics involves both physical strength and poise. Sydney Montroy demonstrates the two qualities excellently as she preforms on the balance beam. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*

Equally Uneven
With one bar unevenly parallel to the other, gymnasts find it one of the most difficult. Adrienne Nguyen masters the bars during her meet. *Photo by: Matt Joens*

Stretch it Out
Still as a statue, Lauren Barto, poses on the beam. It takes a lot of concentration to keep perfect balance. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*

It's a Flippin' Backflip
Lowering herself to the ground, Kathleen Smoak does a back flip on the balance beam. Her success adds to the team. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*

Perfect Precision
In the midst of air, Rachel Matsuoka shows off her balance while attempting to do a back flip. Back flips not only require balance but also concentration. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*



Grand Finale
Finishing up their routine, cheerleaders Ashley Stauffer, Lizette Marquez, Nicole Brooks, and Jasmine Robles, stand back to back. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*

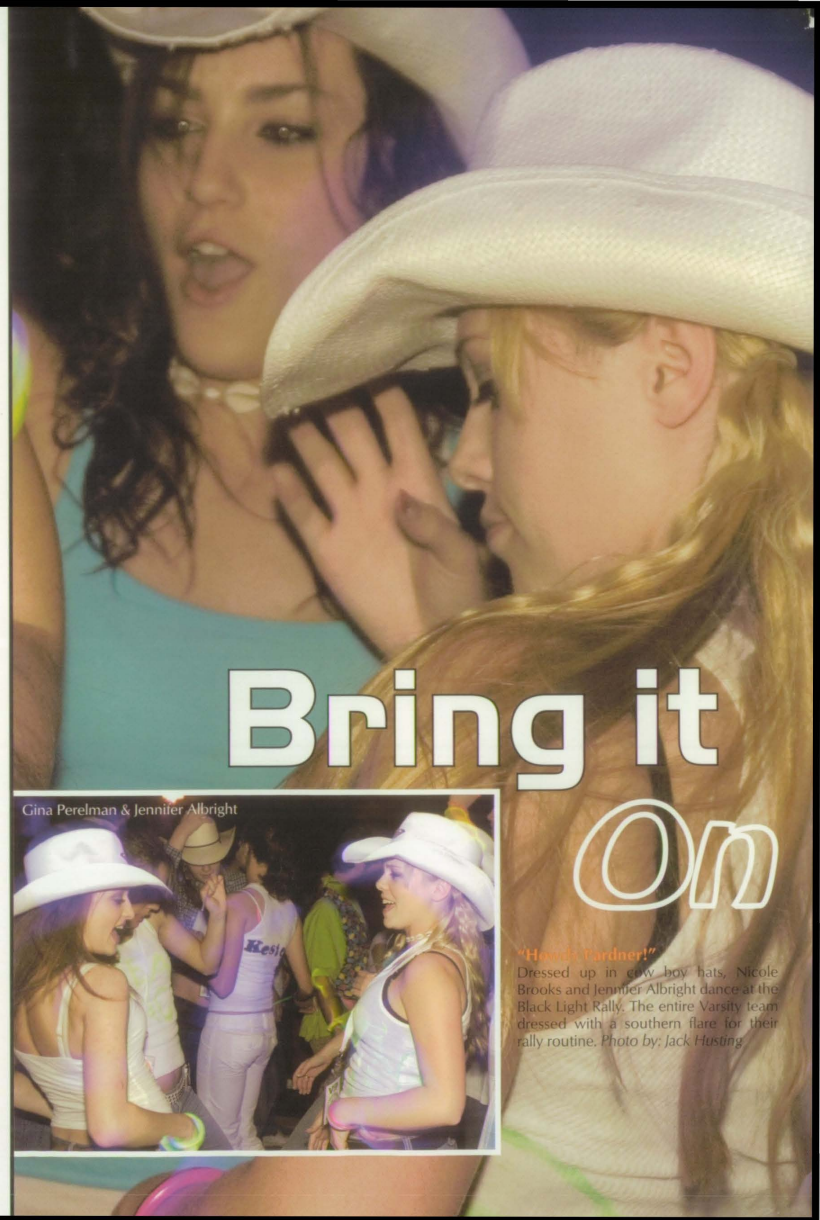
Keeping the Right Balance
Stunting is one of the most difficult aspects of spiritleading. The varsity squad lifts their flyer, Carly Green, into the air, amidst a cheering crowd. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*

Behind the Dance Moves

By Nisat Chowdhury

Cheerleaders often fall prey to misjudgments and harsh critiquing. However, few people realize the hours put into routines and the workouts suffered through in camps.

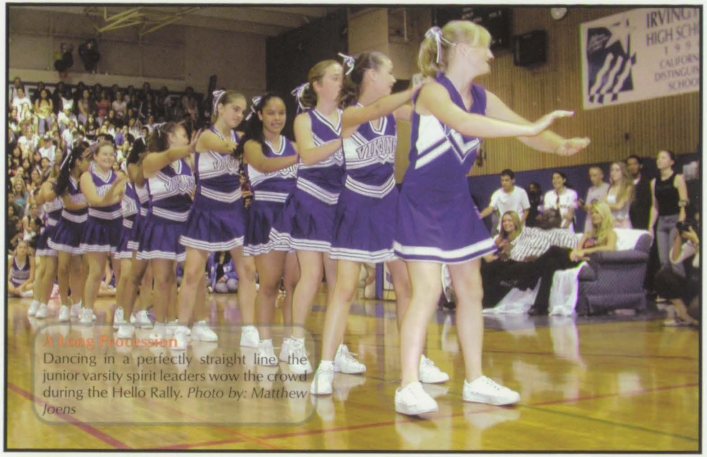
SAGA: After four years of cheerleading what do you have to say about you're team?
Lizette Marquez (Captain) **:** It's fun when we come together and I think we do a good job. Sometimes we ran into hurdles but we always overcame them.
SAGA: Many people say cheerleading isn't a sport. As co-captain of varsity, how would you disagree with this statement? In your opinion, what is the toughest part of cheerleading?
Nicole Brooks: I would disagree greatly with the people who say cheerleading isn't a sport. We do cheer camp over summer. It's a four day camp of pure training. Workouts are 12 hours a day with only food and water breaks. Stunting is probably one of the toughest things because lifting girls that weigh just as much as you is very strenuous on your body.
SAGA: What was a memorable moment for you?
Morgan Wolfe: When we cheered with the Raiderette's. It was such a great experience and I love the Raiders.
SAGA: What would you say is the strongest aspect of your team?
Jessica Chavarian: Junior varsity dances are the best thanks to our adviser Amy!
SAGA: As a freshman, how would you say cheerleading has contributed to your high school experience?
Kathleen Percelle: You meet so many people and you become close with people you wouldn't know otherwise.
SAGA: How would you describe tryouts?
Jessica Marquez: We only had a couple of days to learn both a dance and a cheer. You get so sore. It's very nerve racking.



Bring it On

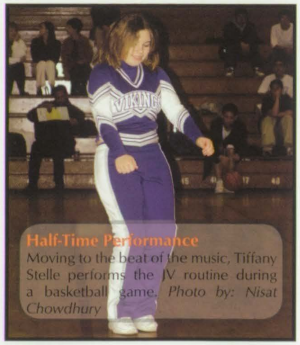
Gina Perelman & Jennifer Albright

"Howdy Partner!"
Dressed up in cow boy hats, Nicole Brooks and Jennifer Albright dance at the Black Light Rally. The entire Varsity team dressed with a southern flare for their rally routine. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

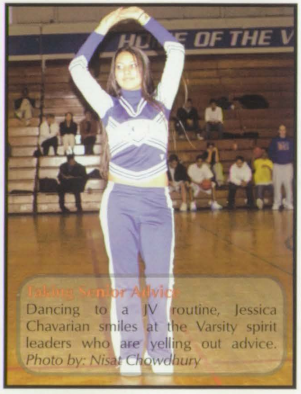


A Long Procession
Dancing in a perfectly straight line, the junior varsity spirit leaders wow the crowd during the Hello Rally. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*

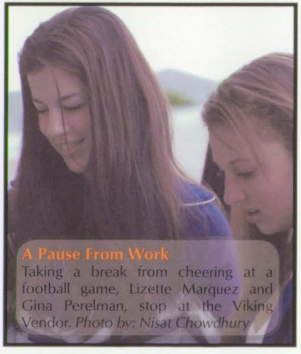
Say it Loud and Proud
Cheering at a JV football game, Morgan Wolfe and Megan Jimenez, spread enthusiasm with bright smiles. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*



Half-Time Performance
Moving to the beat of the music, Tiffany Stelle performs the JV routine during a basketball game. *Photo by: Nisat Chowdhury*



Taking Senior Advice
Dancing to a JV routine, Jessica Chavarian smiles at the Varsity spirit leaders who are yelling out advice. *Photo by: Nisat Chowdhury*



A Pause From Work
Taking a break from cheering at a football game, Lizette Marquez and Gina Perelman, stop at the Viking Vendor. *Photo by: Nisat Chowdhury*

IRVINGTON VARSITY SPIRIT LEADERS 2004 - 2005
Front Row: Jessica Bury, Ashley Strong. **Second Row:** Tabitha Billingslea, Gina Perelman, Jasmine Robles, Jennifer Albright. **Third Row:** Carly Green, Ashley Stauffer, Lizette Marquez, Nicole Brooks.

JUNIOR VARSITY SPIRIT LEADERS 2004 - 2005
Front Row: Monique Munoz, Tiffany Stelle, Rylee Dil, Kathleen Percelle, Megan Jimenez, Amanda Barnes, Morgan Wolfe, Jessica Chavarian, Jessica Marquez.

"Cheerleading has taught me patience since dances take a long time to choreograph. With patience we are always able to pull things together perfectly."
Ashley Strong | 11

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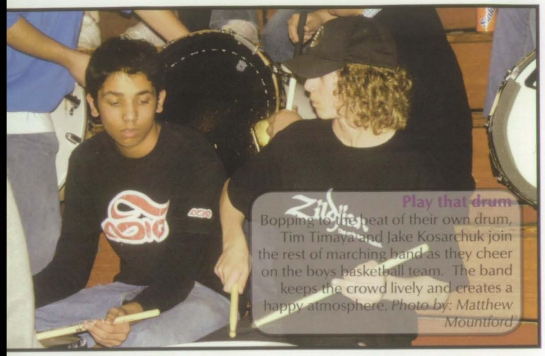
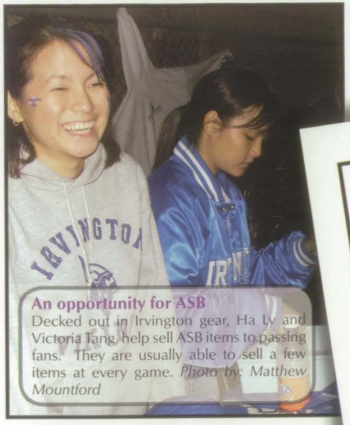
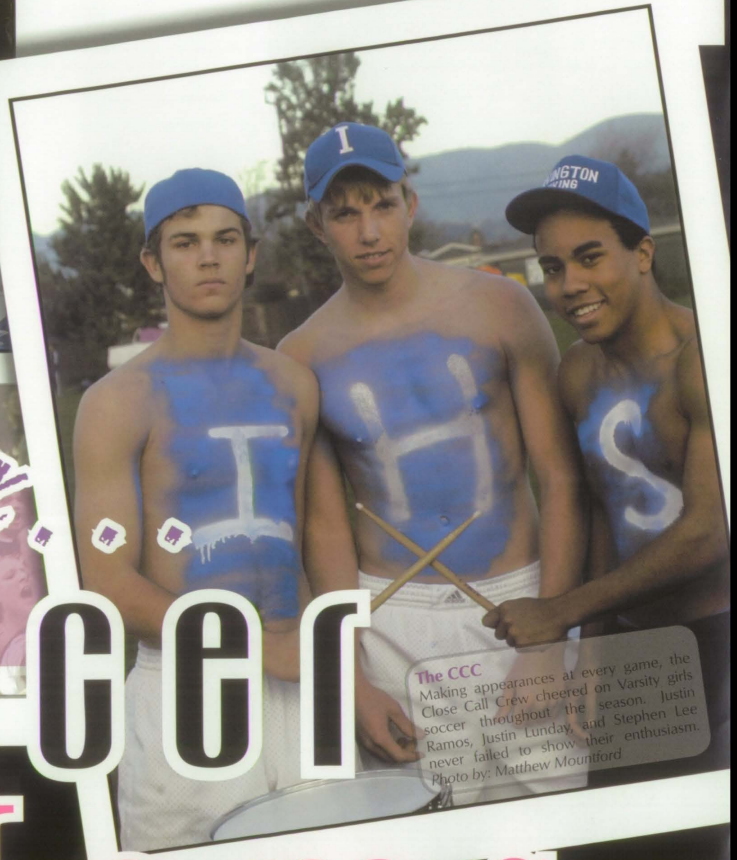


Play that drum
Bopping to the beat of their own drum, Tim Timaya and Jake Kosarchuk join the rest of marching band as they cheer on the boys basketball team. The band keeps the crowd lively and creates a happy atmosphere. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*



An opportunity for ASB
Decked out in Irvington gear, Ha Ly and Victoria Tang help sell ASB items to passing fans. They are usually able to sell a few items at every game. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*



The CCC
Making appearances at every game, the Close Call Crew cheered on Varsity girls soccer throughout the season. Justin Ramos, Justin Lunday, and Stephen Lee never failed to show their enthusiasm. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

Not Just... Soccer Moms

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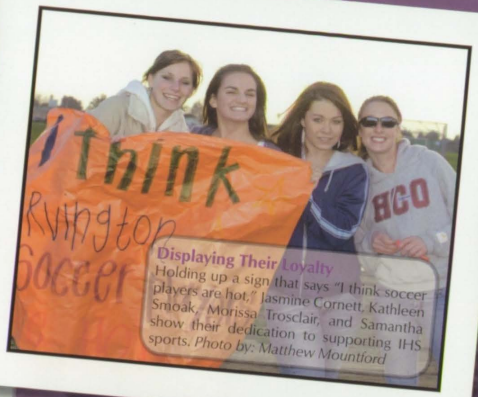


Displaying Their Loyalty
Holding up a sign that says "I think soccer players are hot," Jasmine Cornett, Kathleen Smoak, Morissa Trosclair, and Samantha show their dedication to supporting IHS sports. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

Friends and Family Hoot and Holler

by Ameeta Chandry

We meet up with Vanessa and Marissa Peter's mother, Diana Peters, sitting in the bleachers during the Mission versus Irvington girls' varsity soccer game and ask her a few questions.

Saga: How do you support your daughters at their games?

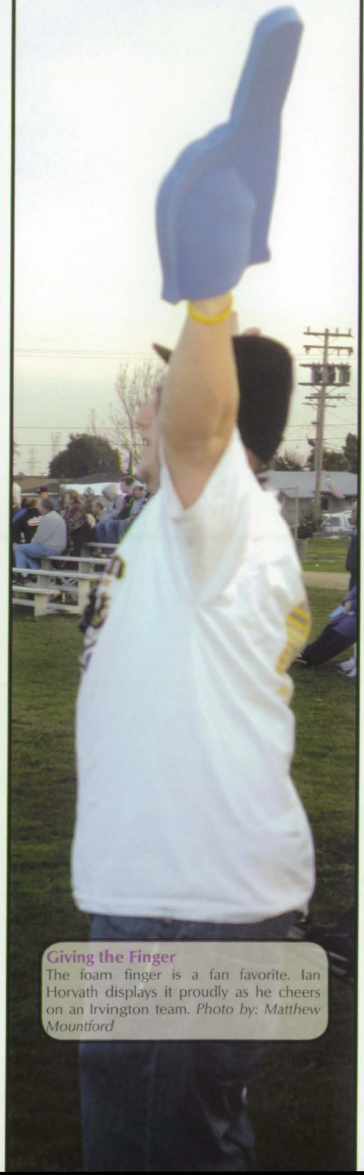
Diana Peters: I support my daughters by driving them to their games and watching their games. I particpate in all their activities, even the ones outside of soccer. I also give them moral support.

Saga : What's your definition of a spectator?

Diana Peters: A spectator is someone who's there to support, cheer, and motivate the team. Someone who's there for the players.

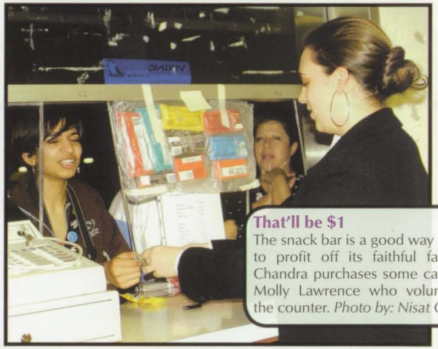
Saga: Is the entire family involved in soccer?

Diana Peters: Our whole family loves soccer, and even their grandmother comes to support the girls at games. We have 4 girls in the family, and even though one of them is disabled, she's still there at the games. I think being there for the game is very important and their dad even takes off vacation days just to come watch. I'm very proud of my girls for playing soccer. It's been a great growing experience for the whole family.



Giving the Finger
The foam finger is a fan favorite. Ian Horvath displays it proudly as he cheers on an Irvington team. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

Cheer and Scream
Next years Sports Commissioner, Scott Hamilton, cheers on IHS proudly. J.D. Whitfield and Timothy Teuscher stand by and show their spirit as well. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

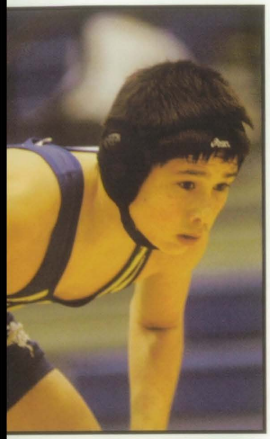


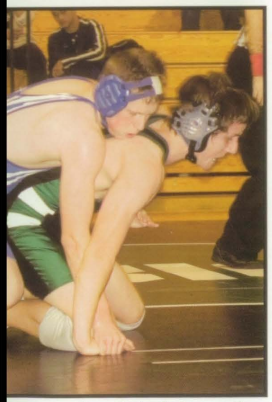
That'll be $1
The snack bar is a good way for the school to profit off its faithful fans. Ameeta Chandra purchases some candy from Ms. Molly Lawrence who volunteers behind the counter. *Photo by: Nisat Chowdhury*

Sibling Love
Working as a team Courtney and Jeff Sherman collect money and stamp hands at the basketball game. Dedicated supporters of the boys basketball team, Yolanda Perez and Carolyn Smith buy tickets. *Photo by: Nisat Chowdhury*

Come and Get Me
Looking on at his Newark opponent, Storm Selsor stands in the center circle before the match. All wrestlers must shake hands before the match begins. *Photo courtesy of Prestige*

Not Going Anywhere
Making sure Mission opponent stays down, Steven Davis locks his hands to the ground. The goal of the match is to get competitor's shoulders to the mat. *Photo by: Yvonne Fung*





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MANAGING WEIGHT

The maintenance of weight in wrestling is very crucial. Most of the week, we eat like normal people, but 1 or 2 days before a match we start to make adjustments. A bottle of water adds 1 pound to your body weight, therefore, a day before a match, we don't drink much water. The team eats very lightly before weigh-ins, but after the match we eat lots of food. Other ways we can maintain our weight are:

- Running with a plastic bag
- Spitting into a bottle all day
- Exercising excessively the day before so that we can sweat off the weight
- Sitting next to a heater

Wrestlers go through a cycle. Before the matches we try to make ourselves as light as possible, because every ounce counts. With this cycle we can take up to six pounds a day. However, it is nice that we can eat a lot after our matches.

- Fermin Cruz and Brad Cartier

Keeping His Eyes Open
Sophomore wrestler, Anthony Trujillo, looks at his coach while he keeps his opponent in place. Anthony won the match before time period was over. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

All Locked Up
JV wrestler, Marc Palacio, locks his Washington opponent at the neck. This was Marc's first year wrestling. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

Fight Club

Veteran Victory
At a match against Washington, 4-year wrestler, Sonny Suminguit, takes down his opponent. Sonny received third place at the Mat Classic at Granada High School. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

Taking it to the Mat

By Yvonne Fung

The wrestling team is led by two elite, 4-year wrestlers, Sonny Suminguit and Tommy Edwards. In an interview with SAGA, both members reflect on the highs and lows of not only this season, but over the course of four seasons.

SAGA: What is the hardest part about wrestling?

Both: We think that the hardest part about wrestling is getting in good physical shape.

SAGA: What was your favorite match?

Sonny: My favorite match that I wrestled was when I was wrestling the number one seed from North Coast Section (NCS). I lost to him by only two points.

SAGA: What is a legger in wrestling?

Both: A legger is when a wrestler uses his legs on the mat during the match. We are both known as leggers.

SAGA: Have you ever been extremely injured?

Both: We both have been injured in the shoulders, knees and ankles. Usually, we just find some way to suck it up and wrestle through the pain.

SAGA: How many times have you changed weight classes?

Sonny: I've gone up one weight class each year.

SAGA: How do you maintain your weight?

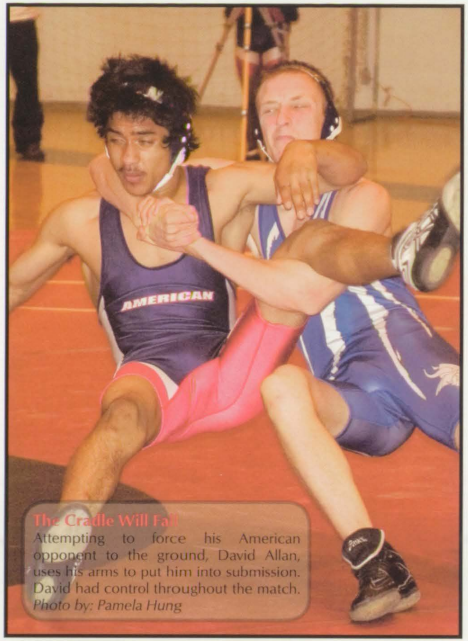
Both: To maintain our weight, we generally work out hard and eat smart.

SAGA: Do you plan to wrestle after high school?

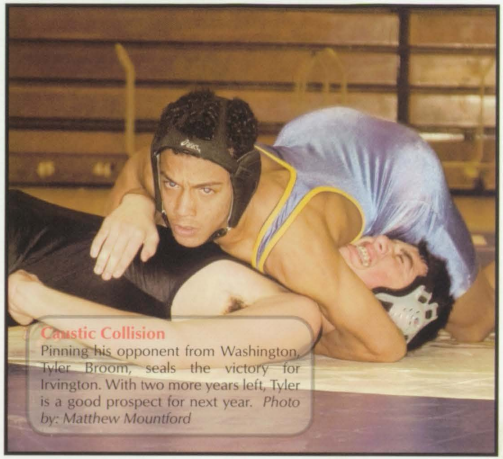
Sonny: No, because it's not my main sport that I'm good at. I think I'm better at football than wrestling.

SAGA: What do you want to tell the younger wrestlers since it's your last year on the team?

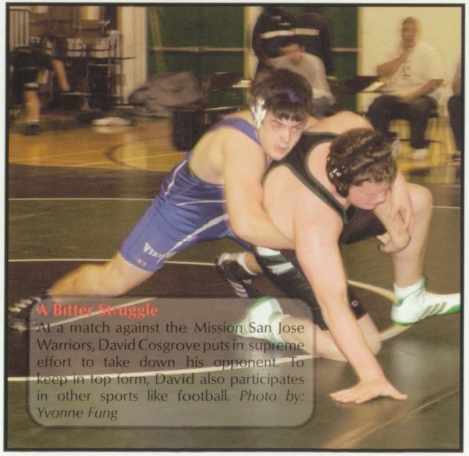
Both: We want to tell them to stick with this sport and a lot of good things will happen during their senior year.



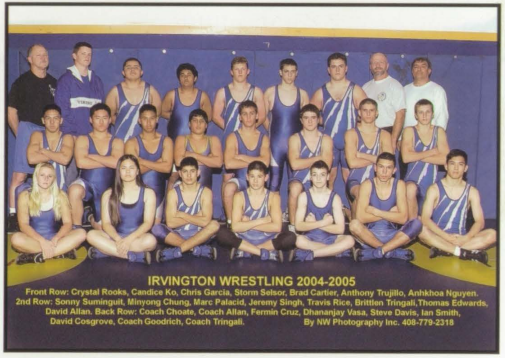
The Cradle Will Fall
Attempting to force his American opponent to the ground, David Allan, uses his arms to put him into submission. David had control throughout the match. *Photo by: Pamela Hung*



Caustic Collision
Pinning his opponent from Washington, Tyler Broom, seals the victory for Irvington. With two more years left, Tyler is a good prospect for next year. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*



A Bitter Struggle
At a match against the Mission San Jose Warriors, David Cosgrove puts in supreme effort to take down his opponent. To keep in top form, David also participates in other sports like football. *Photo by: Yvonne Fung*



IRVINGTON WRESTLING 2004-2005
Front Row: Crystal Rooks, Candice Ko, Chris Garcia, Storm Selsor, Brad Cartier, Anthony Trujillo, Anhkhoa Nguyen. 2nd Row: Sonny Suminguit, Minyong Chung, Marc Palacid, Jeremy Singh, Travis Rice, Brittten Tringali,Thomas Edwards, David Allan. Back Row: Coach Choate, Coach Allan, Fermin Cruz, Dhananjay Vasa, Steve Davis, Ian Smith, David Cosgrove, Coach Goodrich, Coach Tringali. By NW Photography Inc. 408-779-2318

WRESTLING STATS

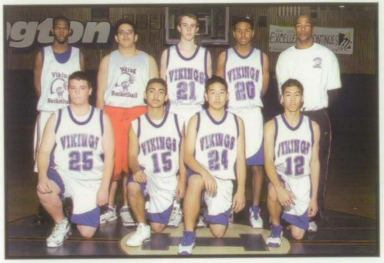
Newark Memorial	9- 63 (L)
Kennedy	69- 6 (W)
James Logan	(L)
Mission San Jose	(L)
Washington	66-13 (W)
American	(L)

IRVINGTON BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Front Row: Willdy Frank, Mitchell Johns, Justin Guerra, Jasvir Singh, Kyle Low. **Back Row:** Manager Alex Mitchell, John Mangan, Tommy Schall, Ben Cory, David Srour, Matt Mangan, Allan Trinh, Coach Mark Paris. *By NWPhotography*

IRVINGTON BOYS J.V. BASKETBALL

Front Row: Matt Anderson, Randy Estrada, Jordan Fujioka, Khiem Mai. **Back Row:** Charles Diggs, Mohammad Mojadidi, Keegan Aspelund, Cleophus Davis, Coach Delandro Leday. *By NW Photography Inc.*

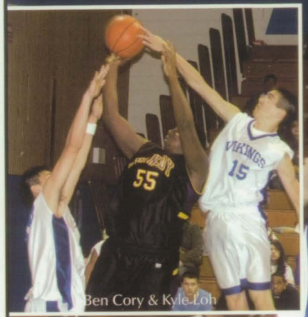


IRVINGTON BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

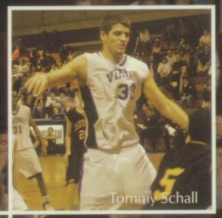
Front Row: Nathan Ho, Ali Shahhosseini, Dan John Cariaga, Wylie Wong. **2nd Row:** Kyle Anderson, Kevin Chu, Danny Cardenas. **Back Row:** Evan Miller, Tucker Nesbitt, Jose Flores-Dalby, Tim King, Eric Yang, Coach Dave Newman. *By NW Photography Inc.*

SCOREBOARD	
Varsity	
Mission - W	American - L
Mission - L	Logan - L
Kennedy - L	Logan - L
Kennedy - L	Newark - L
American - L	Newark - L

Aiming High
Going up for a layup, Allan Trinh keeps the ball out of reach from his Kennedy opponent. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



Ben Cory & Kyle Loh



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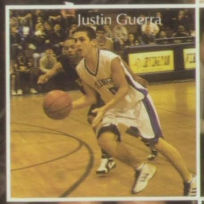
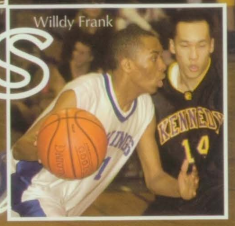


Justin Guerra



Willdy Frank

He Shoots He Scores

Boys will be boys

By Mark Thayer & Michael Chen

Out of my four years on the team, this season had to have been our most challenging. With the loss of valued seniors such as Jeff Stephan, Alex Broom, Matt Tuescher, and a few others, we were really looking to bring in some young talent to try and fill the void left by those players.

Fortunately, for us, we did just that. With the addition of two young freshmen, Alex Choi, and Sammy Gonzalez, our team was looking to be a competitor once again.

Unfortunately the season did not go as well as we hoped but that was largely due to being such a new and young team.

More important than our record, was the coming together of individuals. In our first game against Washington we struggled to play together, but we rallied back and finished the season with a great win against Kennedy. Next year with returning players like Scott Hamilton, Joey Cooper, and Anthony Zmolek the league had better watch out! The boys won't stop at anything to get our number one MVAL title back.

Although the record might not have been great, the players will take away with them fond memories of season past. Moments like Anthony Zmolek's concussion in the heartbreaking season opener against Newark Memorial. Or moments during practice when the freshmen were truly "freshmen" like when Alex Choi slipped on the field and fell onto a piece of wood.

The scoring talent of forward Mark Thayer, leadership of sweeper Steven Hill, and amazing goal keeping abilities of Alborz Karimzadeh will be greatly missed next year.

A Human Wall
Lining up as a wall in order to prevent the team from scoring another goal, Matt Galdin, Steven Hill, Alex Choi, and Joey Cooper watch the ball and stick together.
Photo by: Matthew Joens

SCORE BOARD

Varsity	Junior Varsity
Mission L/L	Mission T/L
Washington L/L	Washington W/W
American W/L	American W/W
Logan L/L	Logan L/L
Kennedy W/W	Newark L/L
Newark L/L	

Varsity Boys Soccer
Top Row: Coach David, Gagan Hothi, Matt Meyers, Tim Soph, Devon Patel, Jaen, Robert Meyers, Coach. Second Row: Chris, Micheal Mathias, Gagik Ohanya, Jose, Fabien Zadno, Timothy Tuesher, Vickram Tandan. Third Row: Ruben, Eric Martinez, Thomas Weston, Sean Dahl, Kasey Peralez, Josh Fresh.

Varsity Boys Soccer
Top Row: Coach Tony, Matt Galdin, Abel Leon, Alborz Karimzadeh, Steven Hill, A.J. Peixoto, Anthony Zmolek. Second Row: Micheal Huang, Trevor Carothers, Scott Hamilton, Mark Thayer, David. Third Row: Nathan Ziman, Eduardo Rossi, Joesph Cooper.

Just kickin' it

Ball Control
Passing every defender that gets in her way, Vanessa Peters carries the ball up field. The skill she demonstrated comes from hard work and dedication. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

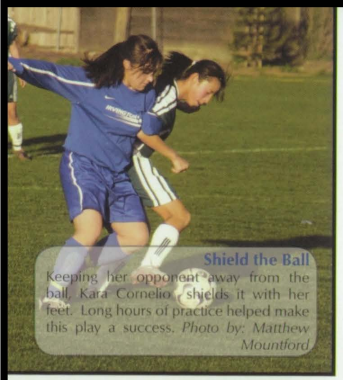
A rebuilding year

By Caitlin Gallacher

Girls sports this year surpassed everyone's expectations and girls soccer was no exception. Even though the team suffered a huge loss of eight seniors, six who were starters, last year, the team gained fresh new talent and made the school proud.

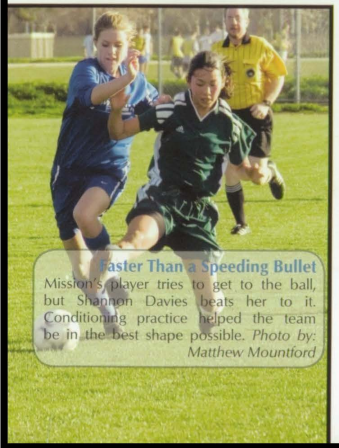
Five new freshmen and three juniors were additions to last year's varsity team. The freshmen, Kayla Kleinsasser, Amanda Pexioto, Kendra Howser, Liz Marin, and Missy Peters, joined the varsity team this year. Their speed and skill were essential to keep the Lady Vikes at the top of their game. Shannon Davies, Kara Cornelio, and Sarah Sheikh were three juniors who also made the team and their enthusiasm on and off the field helped motivate the everyone, and keep spirits high.

The team was able to bond really easily with the new players through sleepovers and pasta feeds. "Things could get pretty crazy when we got together. One time, after we had finished eating, we decided to jump in Caitlin's pool. The water was freezing, but it was a lot of fun", said varsity sophomore Katie Kester. The Varsity season started out strong with a win against Washington, but towards the middle of the season the girls began to lose. "We needed to regroup and pull ourselves together. It happens every season", said senior captain Vanessa Peters. The junior varsity team also had a strong season and proved that Irvington girls deserve to be at the top. The successful season couldn't have been possible without the fans. The Close Call Crew, or C3, was made up by Stephan Lee, Justin Ramos, and Justin Lunday. At every game they could be seen cheering on the girls team. They would occasionally wear body paint, or their Top Gun jackets, and once they attempted to barbeque, (key word being "attempted"). Not only did their enthusiasm inspire others to come out but they made the girls want to do their best.



Shield the Ball
Keeping her opponent away from the ball, Kara Cornelio, shields it with her feet. Long hours of practice helped make this play a success. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

Defense
Leaping into the air in order to prevent the ball from soaring further, Stephanie Beretta, blocks a kick from the other team. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*



Faster Than a Speeding Bullet
Mission's player tries to get to the ball, but Shannon Davies beats her to it. Conditioning practice helped the team be in the best shape possible. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

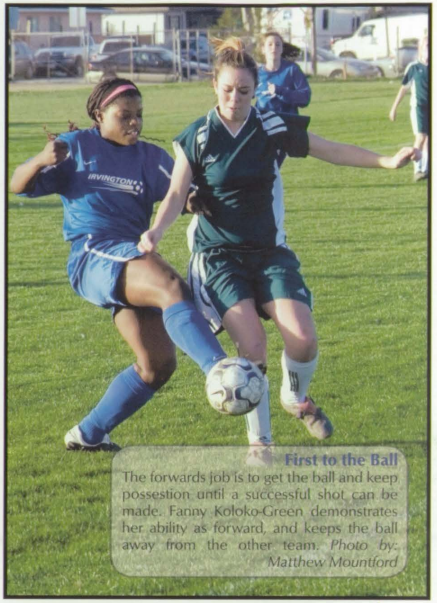
CRAB FEED

The Crab feed has been an Irvington tradition for the past four years. Every year the girls and boys soccer teams come together and set up the Newark Pavillion for a night of friends, fun, and of course food. Don't let the name fool you, crab isn't the only option for people. Salad, garlic bread, and spaghetti are also available for those who can't eat seafood. This year we had over 400 people attend the festivity, and unlike last year, we didn't run out of crab. To keep the party going throughout the night, there was a raffle, where different baskets were randomly given out to the lucky winner. The baskets are all donations from players and range from ones filled with wine and chocolate, to ones filled with car care supplies. After the raffle, parents are allowed to bid on different items, and after a night of drinking and gorging on crab, the bids can get a little outrageous. Finally, the night is finished with a chance for people to let loose on the dance floor. After working for three hours straight, the players get to join in on the fun and relax for awhile. "The best part about the crab feed are the tips," said junior varsity captain Lainey Seaton. The crab feed is a fun tradition that will continue for many years to come.

"I love my team because we always encourage each other."
Cheryl Stone | 09

IRVINGTON GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER 2004-2005
Front Row: Liz Martin, Sarah Euchler, Tina Do, Amanda Peixoto, Kendra Howser. **2nd Row:** Missy Peters, Fanny Koloko-Green, Kayla Kleinsasser, Trisha Mittal, Sarah Sheikh, Stephanie Beretta, Kara Cornelio. **Back Row:** Coach Joe Peixoto, Shannan Davies, Caitlin Gallacher, Sara Kayser, Danielle Cain, Vanessa Peters, Katie Kester, Brienne Peixoto, Coach Hung Do. *By NW Photography Inc.*

IRVINGTON GIRLS J.V. SOCCER 2004-2005
Front Row: Gurlene Kocher, Amanda Benavides, Shawna Banankhah, Jasmine Cancino, Christina Macias. **2nd Row:** Brianna Santo, Desiree Reyes, Marissa Ohye, Brittany Bronsord, Ada Torres, Kendra Makela, Lainey Seaton, Nicole Burgess. **Back Row:** Coach Anjel Hernandez, Katie Washington, Rachael Carman, Nadia Yassin, Amanda Morris, Andrea Davies, Cheryl Stone, Assistant Coach Alana Ayers. *By NW Photography Inc.*



First to the Ball
The forwards job is to get the ball and keep possession until a successful shot can be made. Fanny Koloko-Green demonstrates her ability as forward, and keeps the ball away from the other team. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

SCORE BOARD

Varsity	Junior Varsity
American: (1-1) (0-2)	American: (0-3) (2-3)
Mission: (3-0) (1-0)	Mission: (1-3) (1-3)
Logan: (4-0) (3-0)	Logan: (1-7) (0-1)
Kennedy: (5-0) (5-0)	Kennedy: (6-0) (7-0)
Washington: (1-0) (0-3)	Washington: (1-0) (1-1)

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ALSO KNOWN AS...

Jason Reed - "Sugar"
Tommy Shall - "T-Time"
Justin Lunday - "Big Bird"
David Parsons - "Spark Plug"
Stephen Hill- "Wheels"
Matt Sellers - "Burchrum"
Matt Mangan - "Captain Whitey"
JT Ramos - "Bobo"
John Mathias - "Puff Daddy"
Jesse Kleinsasser - "..."
Juan Maldonado - "Smiling Jack"
Billy Tomblin - "Dolla Bill"
Kenny Ng - "Beaner"
Shane Murchison - "Chuckles"
Steven Davis - "Hambino"

Shane Murchison, David Parsons, Billy Tomblin, J.T. Ramos

IRVINGTON VARSITY BASEBALL 2004 -2005
Front Row: Jason Reed, Steven Davis, Ken Ng, Billy Tomblin, David Parsons, Juan Maldonado. **Back Row:** Matt Sellers, J.T. Ramos, Shane Murchison, Jesse Kleinsasser, John Mathias, Justin Lunday, Tommy Shall, Matt Mangan, Stephen Hill. *By Matthew Mountford*

IRVINGTON J.V. BASEBALL 2004 - 2005
Front Row: Joseph Florez, Brittley Tringali, Kyle Glover, Ryan Springs, Lj Underwood, Daniel Rodriguez, Daniel Barrs, Daniel Duran. **Back Row:** Nick Mooney, Jevin Saini, Michael Mathias, Gary Handa, Justin Ruiz, David Torres, Arjun Haran, Kyle Adair, Andy Romero. *By Matthew Mountford*

SCOREBOARD

Varsity	Junior Varsity
Washington - 10 - 7 (W)	Washington - 7 - 7(T)
American - 4 - 0 (L)	American - 12 - 1 (W)
Kennedy - 5 - 4 (W)	Kennedy - 17- 2 (W)
Logan - 7 - 4 (L)	Logan - 0 - 4 (W)
Newark - 4 - 1 (L)	Newark 4 - 2 (W)

Playing Tag
Scrambling to tag out his Berkeley High opponent, Jason Reed slides onto the base. The game was a success for the team, bringing in another victory. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

Yet Another Run
The pressure is on as Billy Tomblin drives in a run after hitting the ball into the outfield. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

Team Effort
As the opposing team hits the ball out of the diamond, outfielder Matthew Mangan runs in to throw it back. *Photo by: Nisat Chowdhury*

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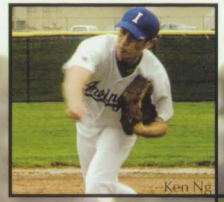
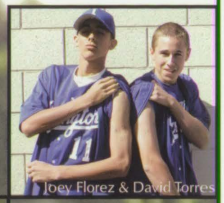


Ken Ng

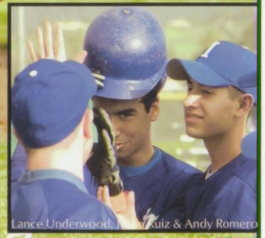


Joey Florez & David Torres

Matthew Sellers

Strike Two!
John Mathias blows a fast ball past the batter. The batter swings but misses the excellent pitch. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

Make it Matter



Lance Underwood, Justin Ruiz & Andy Romero

A unique relationship

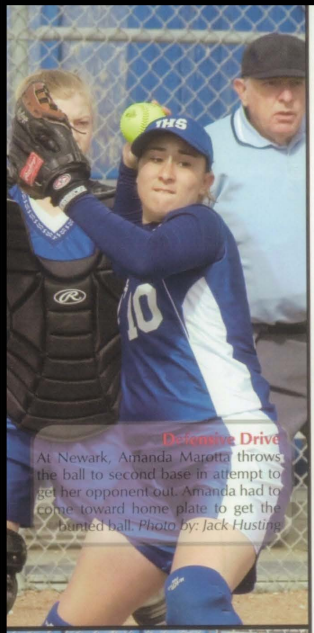
By Pamela Hung, Nabiha Baseer, Dale Lai & Nisat Chowdhury

The most difficult aspect of baseball is perhaps the requirement of teamwork and bonding. Fortunately, Irvington's team had this well covered. After practice slurpee's, hot chocolate, and other traditions, created a sense of closeness among the players and led the group to successes unattainable without team chemistry.

SAGA: What was the strongest aspect of the team?
Justin Lunday: We bond well on and off the field. We have movie nights where we get together and just have fun.
Matt Mangan: Last year our young pitchers were sophomores. This year I think they are mentally and physically ready. I think the experience of the older players really helped out the younger ones.
SAGA: What was your most embarrassing moment?
The varsity team: When the coach broke the fungo. It's a baseball bat. The coach got mad at the team for slacking, not having the will to win, and disappointing plays. He hit the ground really hard with it and it broke in half. The team had its own meeting to talk about ourselves stepping up for next time and rising to the occasion.
David Torres & Joseph Florez: Don't underestimate the other team even though they look like they're ten years old and 4 feet high. That happened with Alameda. They're a really easy team but we lost to them because we were too confident and didn't try our best.
SAGA: Which game is the most memorable?
Justin Ruiz: Our [JV] game against Bishop O' Dowd. They thought they won the game before it had even begun, but they underestimated us. We won 4-2.
SAGA: What could you improve on the team?
Billy Tomblin: We should think before we do something. MIM. Make it matter. Our coach made it up. We break on it.

Batter Up!
The pressure is on as Tim Teuschur steps to the plate. He slams the ball into the outfield earning himself a double. *Photo by: Nisat Chowdhury*

Pitching His Way to a Win
In the wind up, Kyle Glover focuses on the destination of his pitch. Knowing exactly where to throw the ball, he strikes the batter out. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*



Defensive Drive
At Newark, Amanda Marotta throws the ball to second base in attempt to get her opponent out. Amanda had to come toward home plate to get the bunted ball. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

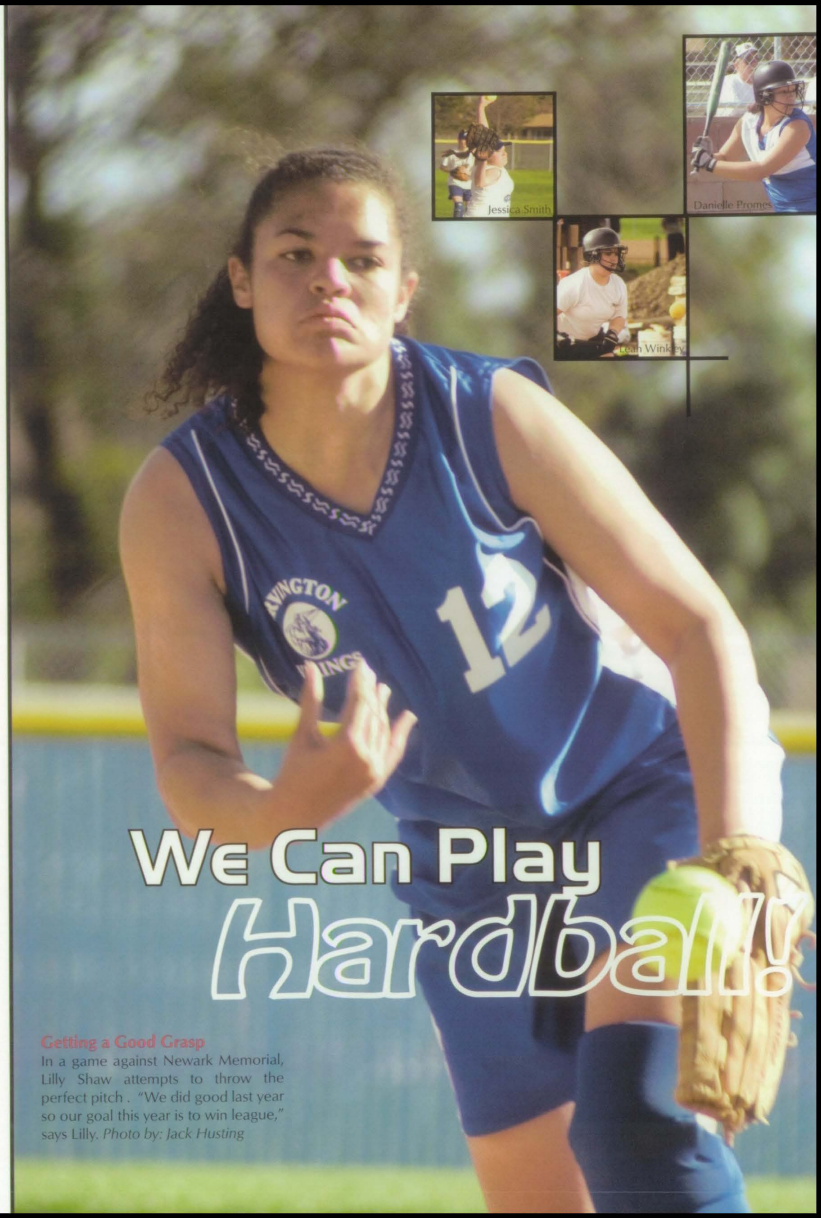
Contact and Skill
During an MVAL League game, Brienne Peixoto uses her skill and eye contact to hit the ball. An essential part of hitting is reading the pitch well. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Throw it hard and fast

By Yvonne Fung

All softball players know that the game of softball is not a girl's version of baseball. It is about teamwork, communication, and challenges. After several years, senior Amanda Marotta has seen Irvington's softball team transform themselves into one of the most elite teams on campus.

SAGA: What intrigues you about the game of softball?
Amanda: The mental and physical challenges and the opportunity to meet new people.
SAGA: Is there a "Viking softball song" and/or any rituals before, during, or after the game?
Amanda: No, not really we just have cheers for specific girls, like Michelle Sanborn we sing "Oh Mickey you're so fine," and for Jen Louie we sing "Louie, Louie"
SAGA: What/how much are you going to miss this game?
Amanda: I'm going to miss this team more than I'm going to miss the game. I can always play another game but I'll never be able to have this exact team again.
SAGA: What would you like to say to all your softball coaches?
Amanda: Mrs. Martin - I like you even though you might not think so.
Coach Rhonda - Thank you for everything you have taught me. I love you for it!
SAGA: Does the softball team have any inside jokes? If yes, what are they?
Amanda: No, not really we just laugh at each other. The sport is more fun when you can just sit there and laugh at each other.
SAGA: To close, what advice do you want to give to next year's team?
Amanda: Stay close together! With the talent left you'll be able to take league again...knock on wood.



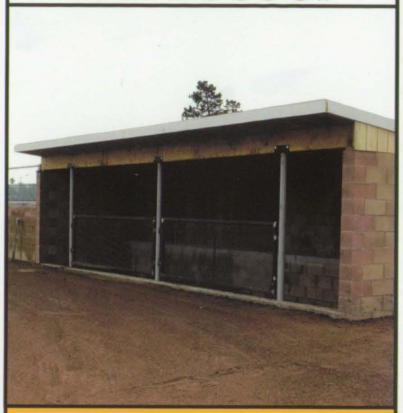
We Can Play Hardball!!

Getting a Good Grasp
In a game against Newark Memorial, Lilly Shaw attempts to throw the perfect pitch . "We did good last year so our goal this year is to win league," says Lilly. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Fierce Pitch
JV pitcher Jessica Maria fires an off-speed pitch to the hitter. Pitching is a challenge because it involves technique and stamina. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

Display of Teamwork
Playing defense, Jennifer Louie throws the ball to cut-off player, Mandy Winkley at Newark. Heaving this ball from the outfield to the infield takes a lot of strength. Photo by: Jack Husting

NEW DUGOUT



Thanks to Ms. Melanie Gavin's family, the reigning MVAL softball team finally has a new dugout beginning this year. Ms. Gavin's mother, Ms. Raimondi donated the new dugout. Both of Ms. Raimondi's daughters played softball at Irvington, and her husband was a coach. The softball team is very grateful for this new addition.

Old Dugout Features

Made of Wood
20+ years old
Termites
Many holes due to people punching them in

New Dugout Features

Made of Brick
Several feet into the ground (you have to walk a few steps to get in)
More Spacious
Brick wall around the backstop
Eye-Level to the Fence

VARSITY SOFTBALL 2004-2005
First Row: Teresa Nigro, Michelle Sanborn, Mandy Winkley, Jennifer Mendoza **Second Row**: Coach Kim Martin, Lilly Shaw, Jennifer Louie, Hannah Daugherty, Jessica Maria, Brienne Peixoto, Amanda Marotta, Desiree Springs, Coach Rick Maria. *By Matthew Mountford*

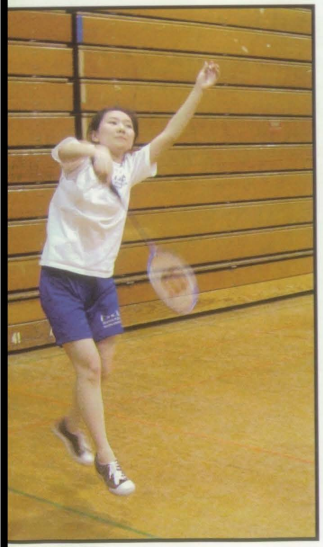
JV SOFTBALL 2004 - 2005
First Row: Anais Garcia, Cassandra Garcia, Allanieyah Hightower, Sarah Carnahan, Anjelica Senior, Megan Jimenez **Second Row**: Danielle Promes, Amanda Sexauer, Staci Dayley, Melissa Tarr, Kala Velazquez, Kim Lasovich, Amanda Ingram, Leah Winkley, Ronda Gardner. *By Matthew Mountford*

SCHEDULE

Washington	Mission
American	Kennedy
Logan	Newark Memorial

Reach for it
There's a lot of court to cover as Ariel Amberden lunges forward to reach the birdie and hit it over the net. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

Flying High
Still suspended in the air, Bonnie Lui just cleared the birdie over the net. Badminton requires the ability of flight to get high up in the air. *Photo by: Pamela Hung*



The badminton team isn't afraid of these shuttle cock

By Tiffany Prajudha and Jeff Dee

At the start of the season, the Viking badminton players had no idea what was expected of them. Rumors spread throughout the veteran players like wildfire, and the absence of returning team members due to academics, shook the faith of a few. However, through all the doubts and uncertainty of the upcoming season, badminton changed for the better. Although half of the team of 80 players did have previous experience, the varsity line-up completely changed. In typical Irvington badminton fashion, the coaches and players overcame this obstacle and excelled in their performance and skill.

Improvement was a great factor in aiding the changes occurring throughout the team. Many varsity players, such as Calvin Lam, trained during the off-season and assisted the novices and the experienced alike. Many Irvington alumni that were on the team took some time from their busy college schedules to become assistant coaches to head coach, Mr. Steve Strout. Some of the most notable aids to the team were the transfer students whose input increased the intensity of training and conditioning. With these positive turn of events, badminton had high expectations for their performance. The team dealt with adversity by creating a strong bond with each other and supporting one another. Veteran players such as Phuong Vu adapted well to division changes. A fantastic start with the performance at the Tsunami Aid and Frosh/Soph tournaments led to the hopes of taking second at the Mission Valley Athletics League tournament. Freshmen mixed double players, Maggie Gau and Jennifer Lai recalled, "We enjoy tournaments. It feels good to smash the birdie over the net. Even if we lose, we improve under Coach Strout's training."

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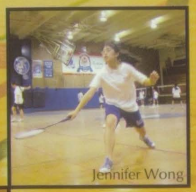
It's the Birds!

Keep Your Eye on the Bird
A key part to playing any sport with a small projectile is to not lose sight of it. Renald Tamse masters this concept as he keeps his eye on the birdie. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*


Jennifer Wong

Uyen Mai

Not a Slam Dunk
Swish. Whack. That's the sound you hear right before Calvin Lam slams the birdie on the opponent. He jumps up high in the air to get the most force out of his hit. *Photo by: Pamela Hung*

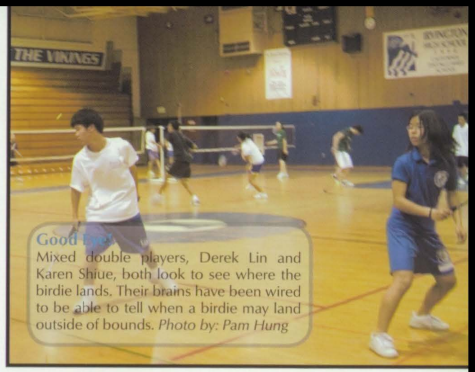
The Perfect Movement
Varsity number one player, Tiffany Prajudha moves forward to hit the birdie over the net. The perfect form of her other arm allows her to keep her balance. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

INTERNATIONAL FOOD

"The international food buffet is where everyone brings food form their own culture to share with everyone. The best part is that everyone gets to go taste different foods."
Alex Wong | 12

"It's really fun because you get to eat the whole time. It's PIG OUT TIME!"
Rosalind Lai | 11

"I really like to eat. I brought potstickers last time, but I like to try the potstickers that other people make because I think they taste better than mine. Since I'm both Chinese and Vietnamese, I have a wide variety of food to choose to bring."
Kendrick Chow | 10



Good Luck
Mixed double players, Derek Lin and Karen Shiue, both look to see where the birdie lands. Their brains have been wired to be able to tell when a birdie may land outside of bounds. *Photo by: Pam Hung*

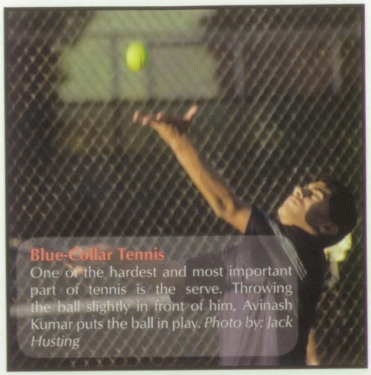
The Power of Meditation
Even after each player's own individual game ends, they still don't get a break. Patrick Ho and Kevin Shen both do leap frog jumps as conditioning "out on the blacktop." *Photo by: Kevin Phan*

BADMINTON 2004-2005
Front Row: Johnny Hsieh, Jasper Chen, Calvin Lam, Renald Tamse, Iggy Candelario, Ian Candelario, Phuong Vu, Alex Tang, Jennifer Prajudha, Dianne Go, Tiffany Prajudha, David Chai, Jerry Tsai, Jeff Dee, Coach Steve Strout. **2nd Row:** Jason Lee, Patrick Ho, Kevin Shen, Yanni Ding, Westley Wu, John Kuan, Kyle Hui, Joseph Pham, Rosalind Lai, Alex Wong, Alan Liang, Jennifer Lai, Maggie Gau, Kendrick Chow, Assistant Coach Vincent Woo. **3rd Row:** Jiabao Qin, Yi Yu, Jessica Ji, Uyen Mai, Audrey Fu, Nancy Wang, Wei Jung Hsia, Ping Sun, Carmen Lau, Emily Chan, An-Chieh Ouyang, Christine Zhu, Ariel Amberden, Yi Zhang, Jennifer Wong, Ying Li. **4th Row:** Esther Choi, Connie Duong, Manjot Bhuller, Pranav Jha, Anuj Verma, Mayank Amin, Janaki Palaniappan, Angelica Pham, Christina Pham, Sabrina Wang, Siyi Zhang, Emmeline Lan, Regianld Tamse, Chris Ji, Jacob Shin, Dan Nguyen. **Back Row:** Herrick Lee, Ryan Sullivan, Daniel Galloway, Scott Williams, Sloan Chua, Jason Lai, Alex Mitchell, Harprit Singh, Linda Huynh, Karen Shiue, Derek Lin, Emmanuel Chao, Jessica Chang, Andrea Tong, Emily Tang, Logan Ye. *By Matthew Mountford*

What's the Score, Again?
As sophomore Nancy Wang serves the birdie over the net, Ian Candelario prepares for the return. Before each serve, the player must state the score of the game. *Photo by: Pamela Hung*

Always with the Advantage

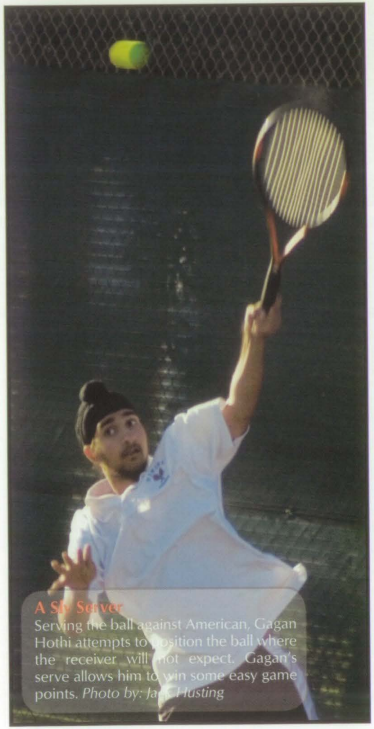
Court Ad Court
Showing diligence, Randy Zhao runs pass the doubles lines to retrieve the ball. He wants to hit a passing shot down the line. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



Blue-Collar Tennis
One of the hardest and most important part of tennis is the serve. Throwing the ball slightly in front of him, Avinash Kumar puts the ball in play. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Varsity & JV Boys Tennis

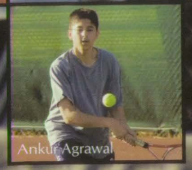
Front Row: Ankit Kundaria, Faisal Uraizee, Varun Chugh, Bobby John, Derrick Cheng, Jaison Machanickal, Usman Qasim, Michael Tom **Second Row**: Zafir "Beast" Shaiq, Gagik Ohanyan, Ankur Agrawal, Nitin Tandan, Ankur Shingal, Akram Uraizee, Daniel Rossi, Mu-Qing Jing **Third Row:** Coach Bryant, Tom Yu, Krthic Annamalai, Lev Liberman, Vikram Prakash, Randy Zhang, Jupp Gill, Devvrat Sinha, Anish Godhwani, Kevin Tran, Nicholas Low, Avi Kumar, Coach Erik Bryant *By Yvonne Fung*



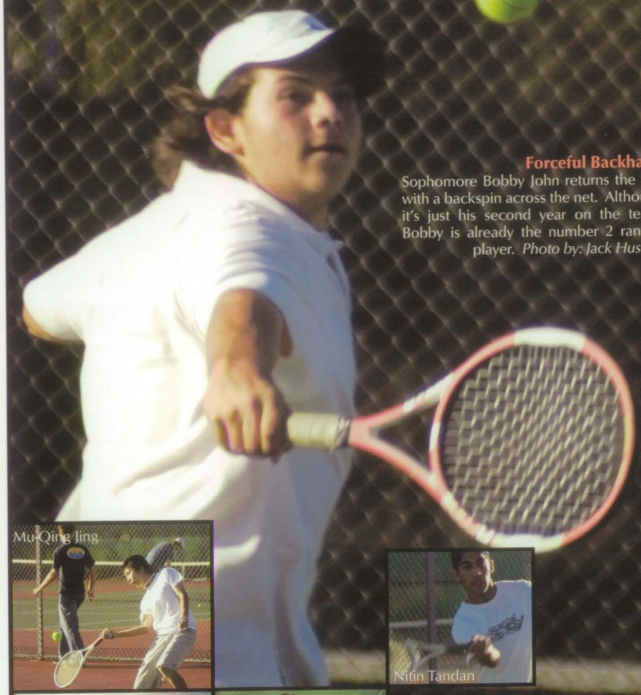
A Sly Server
Serving the ball against American, Gagan Hothi attempts to position the ball where the receiver will not expect. Gagan's serve allows him to win some easy game points. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Mu-Qing Jing

Nitin Tandan



Ankur Agrawal



Forceful Backhand
Sophomore Bobby John returns the ball with a backspin across the net. Although it's just his second year on the team, Bobby is already the number 2 ranked player. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

TENNIS SCORES

Varsity	
American	(L) 3-4
Mission	(L) 1-6
James Logan	(L) 3-4
Mission San Jose	(L) 1-5
Washington	(W) 66-13
Kennedy	(W) 7-0
Washington	(L) 2-5

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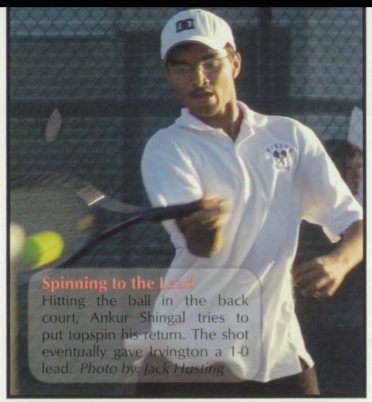
New experiences give better

dimension to boys tennis

By Yvonne Fung

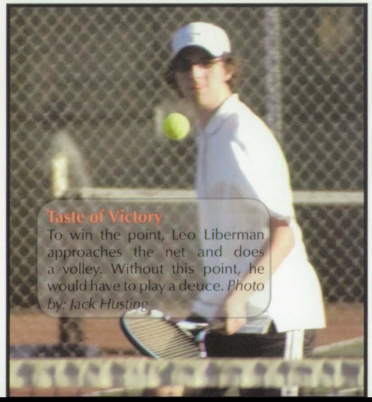
For seniors Randy Zhang, Leo Liberman, Mu-Qing Jing, and Reza Bqhadur, boys tennis has ultimately been an experience filled with sultry spring days, tough matches, and inside jokes. They decided to speak with Saga about their memories on and off the court.

SAGA: How is the team different this year?
Mu-Qing: We lost seven seniors on varsity last year, but last year's junior varsity is stepping it up and keeping us competitive.
SAGA: Would you like to share any inside stories?
Mu-Qing: During an SAP Open tennis match, we cheered so loud for the Korean underdog, Lee, that Andy Roddick got so mad at us and broke his racket after he lost a point.
SAGA: Why is tennis better than badminton?
Tennis Team: The team unanimously decided that tennis is better than badminton because badminton is not a real sport, and tennis is. We're kidding of course, but seriously, in tennis, the play must be so crisp, smooth and precise. Also, everyone on the team, regardless of varsity, junior varsity, or alternate, are all really close with one another.
SAGA: Who do you make fun of the most? Why?
Mu-Qing: Krithic and Jon get poked fun of a lot; Krithic because he is so dark sometimes at night we can't see him (just kidding), and Jon (AKA Jonason Dan My Cow) because he says some of the stupidest and funniest things.
SAGA: What are the team rituals?
Leo: We usually scream our tennis theme song and congratulate whoever won the last match for us.
SAGA: What was the most memorable moment of your Viking tennis "career?"
Randy: The most memorable moment was when I played against Newark one time. I lost 2-6 in the first set, but I came back with two 6-0s.

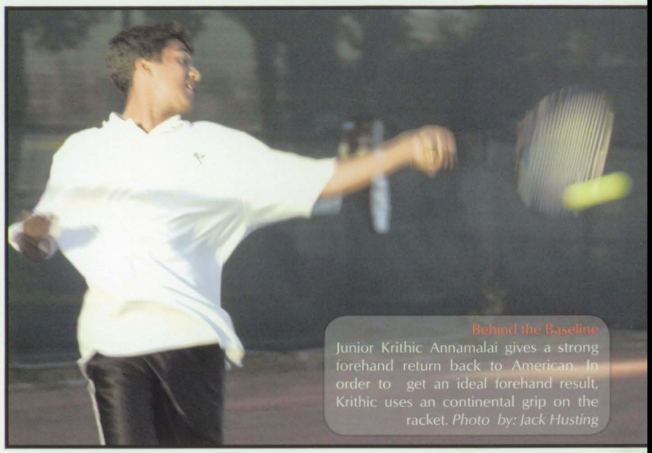


Spinning to the Lead
Hitting the ball in the back court, Ankur Shingal tries to put topspin his return. The shot eventually gave Irvington a 1-0 lead. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

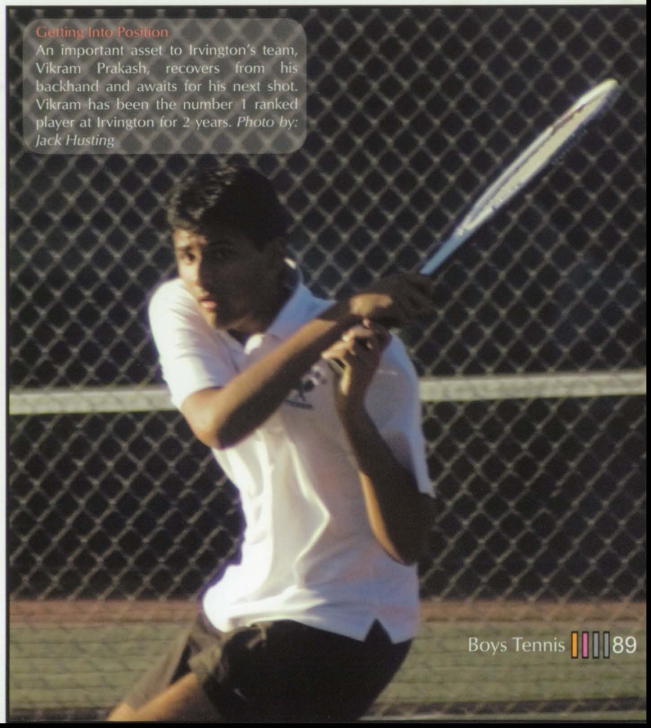
Eye on The Ball
In a match against American, Gagik Ohanyan follows through with a ground stroke. "Tennis involves playing under pressure," says Gagik. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



Taste of Victory
To win the point, Leo Liberman approaches the net and does a volley. Without this point, he would have to play a deuce. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



Behind the Baseline
Junior Krithic Annamalai gives a strong forehand return back to American. In order to get an ideal forehand result, Krithic uses an continental grip on the racket. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



Getting Into Position
An important asset to Irvington's team, Vikram Prakash, recovers from his backhand and awaits for his next shot. Vikram has been the number 1 ranked player at Irvington for 2 years. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Freestylin'
Checking to see where her opponents are, Effie Shum swims toward the end of the pool. "Coach Larsen inspires me to try new strokes," says Effie. *Photo by: Matthew Joens.*

He's Got Buoyancy
In a freestyle event, Siarhei Vishniakou recovers from holding his breath. "Freestyle is the most enjoyable stroke in the world and it's easy to do," says Joshua. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Eyes Wide Open
Swimming butterfly, Kathleen Ashley surfaces to take a breath. "Fly has been the hardest stroke that I have learned, but it is the most respected stroke," says Kathleen. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

Amy Lovlien

Mitra Naima

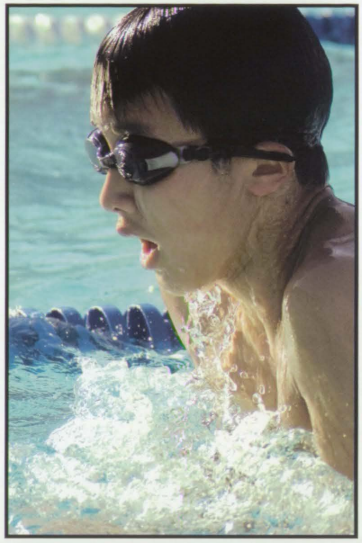
Water is just a 2nd home

Swimming is NOT just an individual sport

By Kathleen Ashley

Some people look at swimming as an individual sport; which is true. To a swimmer, we have the choice on how hard we want to work that day and the choice of what we want to bring to the team. Whether it's our attendance and going to practice at six o'clock in the morning, or it's our speed in the water, or even if it's just bringing our positive attitude to practice, there are so many things that a swimmer can bring to the team that makes them who they are and makes them the swimmer they want to be.

But no, swimming is not just an individual sport, it's also a team sport that when you add up all the individual things listed above, come together to create an amazing team. That's what Irvington had this year! We had a team where we weren't just speed, we also had the positive attitude that goes along with it. We're a team that loves to have fun, but we're also a team that knows when to be serious. We can't take all the credit at the end of the year when we reach our goals. We owe a lot of our success to our coaches. Coach Larsen gave me the extra push to get in on time, the extra word when I was nervous for a race, and the extra smile when I needed motivation. We're not a team without our coaches and we're not a team without the determination to succeed that each swimmer has this year.



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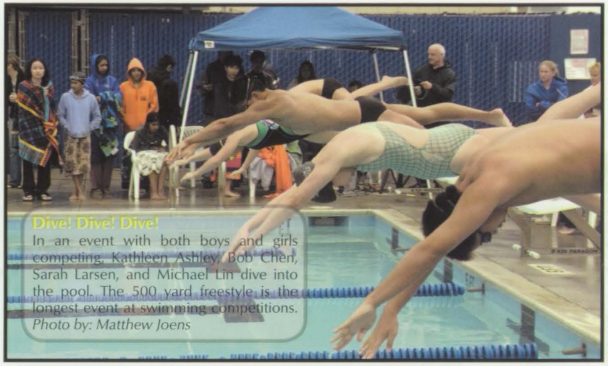
First Year Success

After emerging from the water, Eric Lin prepares to glide. "Being a freshman varsity swimmer is kind of odd," says Eric, "because I thought I would have to be on JV, but after a few practices I felt more confident." *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

No Need For Lifesavers

Competing in a backstroke competition, Melissa Siew demonstrates good form. Melissa swims year round because she enjoys the sport so much. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*



Dive! Dive! Dive!

In an event with both boys and girls competing, Kathleen Ashley, Bob Chen, Sarah Larsen, and Michael Lin dive into the pool. The 500 yard freestyle is the longest event at swimming competitions. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*

VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY SWIM

First Row: Lainey Seaton, Laurie Holtog, Stephanie Tsuyemura, Beth Preciado-McGary, Jessica Leandro, Nicole Pietkiewicz, Amy Lovlien, Melissa Siew, Sarah Larson, Veronica Madrigal, Effie Shum, Jacklyn Sewell, Beth Koneig, Andrea Davies **Second Row:** James Grant, Katy Holtog, Katie Whitiker, Shannon McBride, Lindsey Poulton, Chris Bond, Josh Delcarpio, Ryan Moldone, John Gorski, Alex Poole, David Pham, Lauren Manolo, Ashley Hansen, Kelsey St. Marie, Jen Mitchell, Andrena Rodriquez, Elena Paquel, Jinnel Little, Alicia **Third Row:** Andre Martchorsky, Lindsey Flores, Shannon McBride, Bob Chen, Scott Merryman, Eric, Jeff, Christiansen, Andrew Makk, Jason Brown, Amanda Morriss, Deeya Utamsing, Sonali Shanker, Neha Mathrana, Deborha Song, Jen, Phi Nguyen. **Fourth Row:** Steve Hutchings, Ian Bork, John Green, Siarhei Vishniakou, Micheal Lin, Andrew Lui. *By Matthew Joens*

Whoooooh!
At the Sunol Golf Course, Justin Wang finishes and admirably observes his great shot. As his third year on the golf team, he definitely knows a good shot when he hits one.
Photo by: Melissa Chen

New Member Gets a Good Start Off
Just another typical practice at the Sunol Golf Range; Tommy Denne, a new member to the golf team this year carefully keeps his eyes on the ball before striking it.
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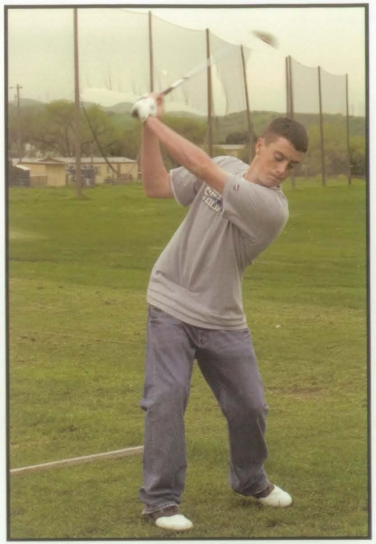
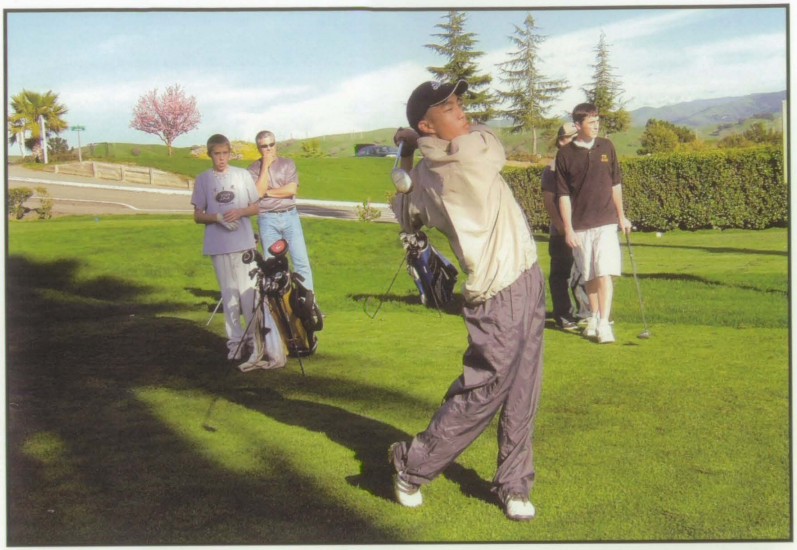


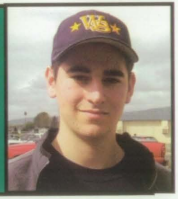


DIFFERENT PRACTICES

"I only feel comfortable when I hit if I have a golf ball, 3 tee's in my right pocket and a golf tee behind my ear."
Kyle Denne | 12

" Whenever I am about to hit, I make sure that I step back and that the golf ball's logo is facing me."
J.D Whitfield | 11

"Anyone that thinks golf isn't a sport should come out and play me, we will see then."
Matthew Neuman | 12



"Everyone on the team improved drastically this year. I really enjoy playing with all of them."
Vickram Tandon | 11

IRVINGTON BOYS & GIRLS GOLF 2004-2005
Front Row: Jennifer Pham, Melissa Chen, J.D. Whitfield. **Back Row:** Tucker Nesbit, Justin Wang, Matthew Neuman, Kyle Denne, Tommy Denne. *By Matthew Mountford*

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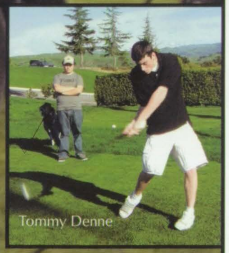
Double Success
Practicing is the key concept of exceeding. Tommy Denne observes his brother Kyle Denne and friend J.D Whitfield as they both successfully hit the ball. *Photo by: Jessica Chen*

Easy to Tee-se


Tommy Denne

More than just a game

By Justin Wang

Golf has built my character and shaped my personality. It has trained me to be optimistic in the worst situations, taught me to cherish the moments of life, and most importantly, has surrounded me with amazing people. The players on the team are like brothers and sisters to me and I want to thank them for all the great moments we shared. But why do I love golf? Because the challenges that I face on the golf course never cease to amaze me. It teases me, in that some days, I feel like a golfing superhero. Other days, I forget how to swing, Nothing works, and I often find myself yelling "This game sucks! Never speak of golf again!" The game brings me to my knees and causes distress and anger. But strangely, I still come back each day in quest for that one perfect shot – the one that goes according to plan, falls perfectly in place, and gives me the greatest sense of euphoria. As I journey my way to under par, one thing is for certain: no other sport can give you the up and down ride of emotions that golf does. And that is why I play.

By J.D. Whitfield

Golf, to a lot of people, does not seem like a real sport. No physical contact like football, or the pastime of baseball; golf is its own unique sport. When I decided to play golf my freshman year, I thought it was going to suck. I remember about 7 or 8 people came to the meeting... I could tell right then and there that it wasn't a popular sport. But the truth is, we don't play for the popularity, we play for the enjoyment. Our chemistry as a team is similar to that of baseball and football. (I just love how everyone denies it). The majority of the people I talk to either say they would have joined but couldn't because of another sport or they just didn't have enough time. But in my case I did take a risk since baseball was my true passion then. If you asked me three years ago if I would do golf or baseball, I wouldn't even have considered golf. As a team member, I have had so much fun and have not regretted a single moment. My teammate's are like brothers to me; they have all improved in one way or another. The main thing is that we have fun regardless of other peoples' opinions.

Front row: Jon Cobb, Ashley Mayfield, Beverly Koloko-Green, Shannan Davies, Fanny Koloko-Green, Sara Kayser, Kathleen Smoak, Kristina Punwani, Brandon Martin, Miina Tikkanen, Anna Chan, Nyssa Baca, Michael Bernstein. 2nd Row: Jared Lomker, Samantha Hebison, Meeka Gandhi, Michelle Lin, Yvonne Fung, Natalyn Mock, Elisa Torate, Janet Pak, Jack Husting, Pat Herndon, Jeffrey Zmolek, Adrienne Nguyen, Mira Yoon, Farah Ali, Christina Wakefield, Tammy Tsai, Samantha Smith. 3rd Row: Head Coach Wayne Stone, Katie Kester, Katie Washington, Keith Strong, Tracy Farmer, Michelle Kentgen, Emily Melboume, Nathan Ho, Eric Chen, Matthew Yuen, Chrisy Tran, Dale Lai, Kris Chow, Coach Leo O'Neill. 4th Row: Julie Khodayari, Tiffany Ngo, Snow Feng, Yojing Chi, Diandra Jacinto, Corey Fujioka, Sarah Sanders, Jesus Cancino, Chris Garcia, Stephanie Li, Ashley Pyon, Pamela Hung, Kevin Phan. 5th Row: Raymun Kohli, Eduardo Rossi, Tommy Liu, Ankur Narain, Matt Meyers, Eric Martinez, Steven Baugher, Dhananjav Vasa, Sammy Gonzalez, Crystal Rooks, Alexandra Taylor, Coach A Kolwa Smith. 6th Row: David Thompson, Sebastian Swiecki, Michael Chen, Jonathan Yuan, Tim Camera, Nathan Ziman, Brandon Bui, Anthony Trajillo, Maddison Miller, Angela Gile. 7th Row: Mark Gailey, Asad Chishty Robert Meyers, Fabien Zadho, Mike Mayes, Matt Martinez, David Kim , Sean Oh, Alex Lee. 8th Row: Jordan Clark, Brandon Zumwalt, Hans Underdorfer, Daniel Morrissey, Ted Green, Anthony Zmolek, David Cosgrove, Tommy Clabough, Kyle Low, Grant Miller, Stephan Lee. NW Photography Inc. ©2005

SCHEDULE

- Mission
- Kennedy
- Washington
- Logan
- Newark
- American

Taking a Leap From Distance
Converting from distance, freshman Sarah Sanders does well on the hurdles. After this race coach Stone said, "Watch out varsity girls 4x1 here comes Sarah." *Photo by: Jack Husting*

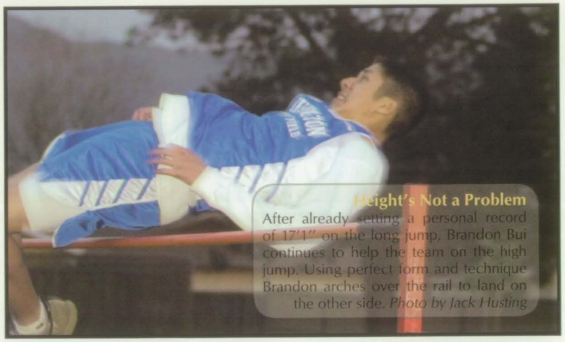
FULL OF PRIDE

Ever since 1999, athletes of Track and Field have had the opportunity and tradition of winning a home made baked cake from the coach for breaking a school record. Coach Buum started the tradition and coached here at Irvington from 1963 to 1989. During Buum's time, there were many Track and Field records broken that still remain untouched. Coach O'Neil decided to revive the tradition in 1999 and said "it was one of the best things to happen to the team, 10-20 records broken per year since 1999." He also said "the point of the cake was to recognize amazing accomplishments and motivate others to push them themselves."

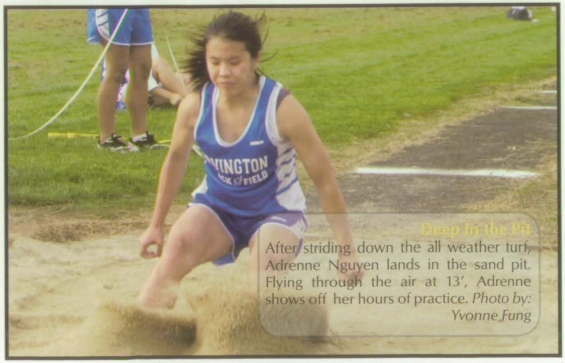
"I feel like this year the track team is going be very succesful. We have great senior leaders like myself, and good coaches."

Fanny Koloko-Green | 12

Mile Stroll
Feeling the already fast paced race, Tammy Tsai grimaces on the second lap. After a tireless race, Tammy came in second against Mission. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



Height's Not a Problem
After already setting a personal record of 17'1" on the long jump, Brandon Bui continues to help the team on the high jump. Using perfect form and technique Brandon arches over the rail to land on the other side. *Photo by Jack Husting*



Deep In the Pit
After striding down the all weather turf, Adrenne Nguyen lands in the sand pit. Flying through the air at 13', Adrenne shows off her hours of practice. *Photo by: Yvonne Fung*

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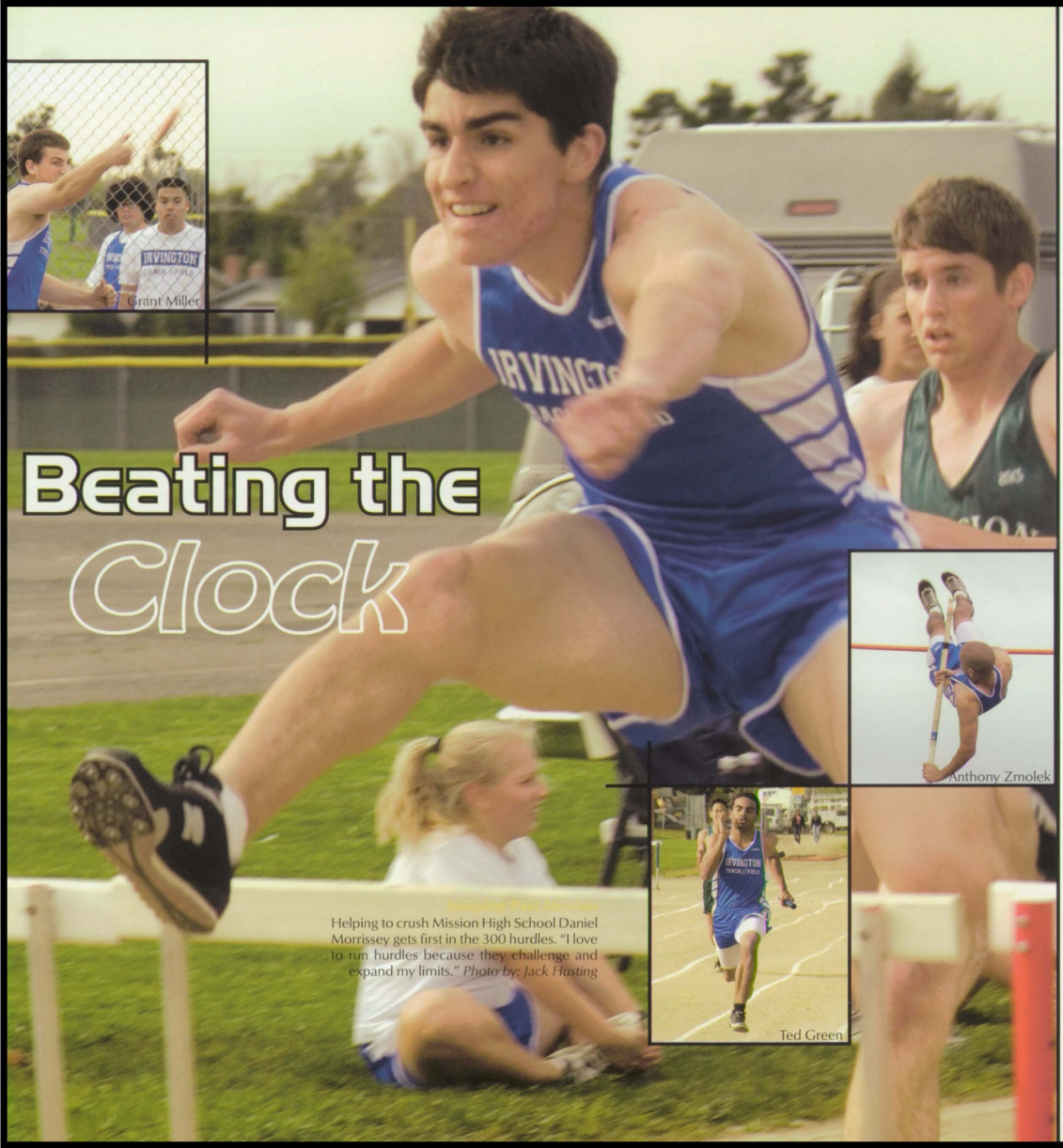


Grant Miller

Beating the Clock

Jumping Past Missions

Helping to crush Mission High School Daniel Morrissey gets first in the 300 hurdles. "I love to run hurdles because they challenge and expand my limits." *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Anthony Zmolek

Ted Green

Raising the standard

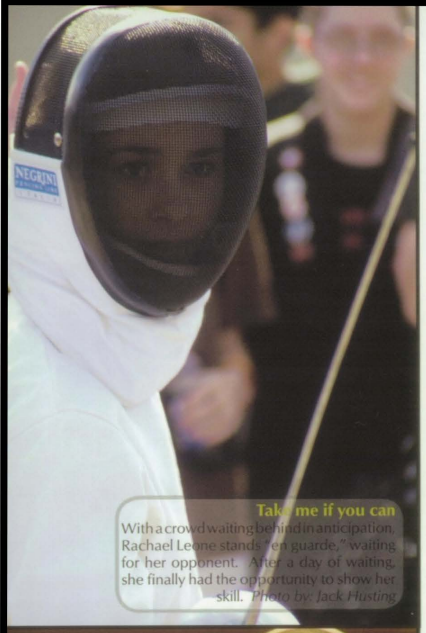
By Patrick Herndon

Walking by the track on a warm spring day, you are greeted by the sight of a hundred people running, sweating, passing out, and even puking. You shake your head, walk on by, and wonder to yourself, why in the world would anyone want to do that? It's a question most people would ask. Here is what some of my fellow runners had to say:

"I run for fun" - Nyssa Baca |
"I run because I am crazy and I love to compete" - Michael Mayes |
"I run so I don't get fat." - Miina Tikkanen | 11
"I run because no one cares if I fart on runs." - David Thompson |
"I run because the team is so close and supportive. It makes it a lot of fun." - Sammie Smith |

Those are just a few of the reasons why we go out to run. There are many more and it varies for each event. Track is the most all-encompassing sport because there is not only running but also field events. This allows people who are not as excited about running to do such things as throwing, jumping, or pole vaulting. There are also different types of running that you can do. The most common question I get when I say I run is, "So what's your mile time?" Track is not only running long distance, even though I love my distance friends. (Long live the squirrel, pancakes, and potatoes.)

There's sprinting, which includes everything from a short one-hundred meter dash to a full lap around the track. There's hurdling, which is a combination of running and jumping all smashed into one action packed race. Then of course the long distance, which is everything from a half mile to two miles. The track team has always done extremely well during league and this year was no exception. We had the strongest team I had seen in my four years here and it was especially encouraging to see all the new runners.



Take me if you can
With a crowd waiting behind in anticipation, Rachael Leone stands "en guarde," waiting for her opponent. After a day of waiting, she finally had the opportunity to show her skill. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Making the point
In the split second he doesn't pay attention, David Pham finds a point landing in his chest. The impact didn't hurt too much, but he did feel the blow of losing a point. *Photo by: John Macuk*

Fencing takes center stage

By Matthew Joens

Although not yet considered a sport here at Irvington, fencing has drawn a more than ample amount of attention. No, not everybody in the club aspires to be a mirror image of Johnny Depp in hopes that one day they too can run their own pirate ship, but instead, fencers here maintain their interest for a different reason.

First off, fencing is a challenge both physically and mentally. It is essentially playing chess with the body. You simply can't just go out there, wailing your weapon in hopes to hit someone. An act like that would only send you home very bruised and looking like a complete dork.

Secondly, people are attracted to fencing because people with weapons are hot. Take a chick in a bikini walking on the beach. That's hot. Now take that hot chick and put a sword in her hand. That's even hotter, and it's this attractiveness to weapons that draws us in. (As opposed to having Math Club wielding a pencil.)

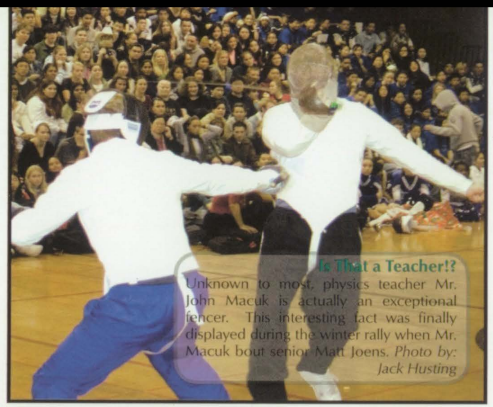
Lastly, there is a certain novelty to the act of swinging around a sword and knowing what you're doing. The chivalry that is learned in the process may not make you the next Errol Flynn, Zorro, d'Artagnan, Don Carlos, or Touche Turtle, but it will definitely make you a quicker thinker and reacter. That, and in reality, we all DO want to be like Johnny Depp.

Natalie Nguyen

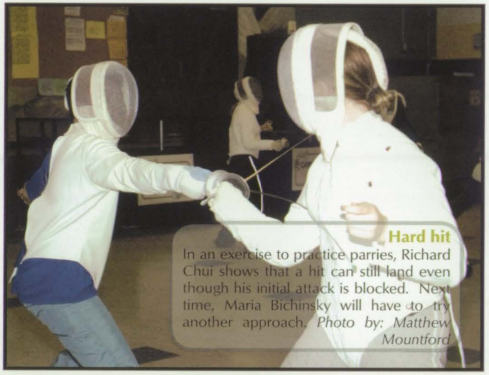
David Pham

Stress Relief
On the fifth day of stress free week, the fencing club demonstrated that fencing is also a form of stress relief. After just finishing his math test, Ryan Flowe had more than enough steam to blow off during the courtyard bouts. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Quick and to the Point



Is That a Teacher!?
Unknown to most, physics teacher Mr. John Macuk is actually an exceptional fencer. This interesting fact was finally displayed during the winter rally when Mr. Macuk bout senior Matt Joens. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



Hard hit
In an exercise to practice parries, Richard Chui shows that a hit can still land even though his initial attack is blocked. Next time, Maria Bichinsky will have to try another approach. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

The long reach
Mastering the art of the lunge, Daniel Levine thrusts his foil at his opponent in a fierce bout to determine the winner of the day. His touch lands and he is one point closer to winning. *Photo by: John Macuk*

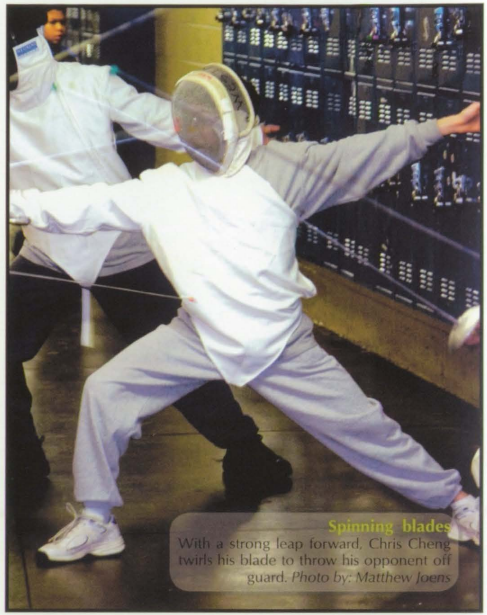
NOT JUST A FAD

Before fencing became a sport, it was used as preparation for men in battle. Intriguingly, the first fencing match was depicted in an Egyptian temple dating back to about 1190 B.C., and was later passed onto the other ancient civilizations including the Babylonians, Greeks, Persians, and Romans.

Soon afterward, the development of armor basically rendered the art of swordsmanship obsolete as the only weapon at that time was the broadsword, a crude, hacking weapon. In a response to armor, the invention of firearms ironically brought swordplay back into the light in the 15th century. Soldiers were once again taught how to fight with a sword for close quarters combat.

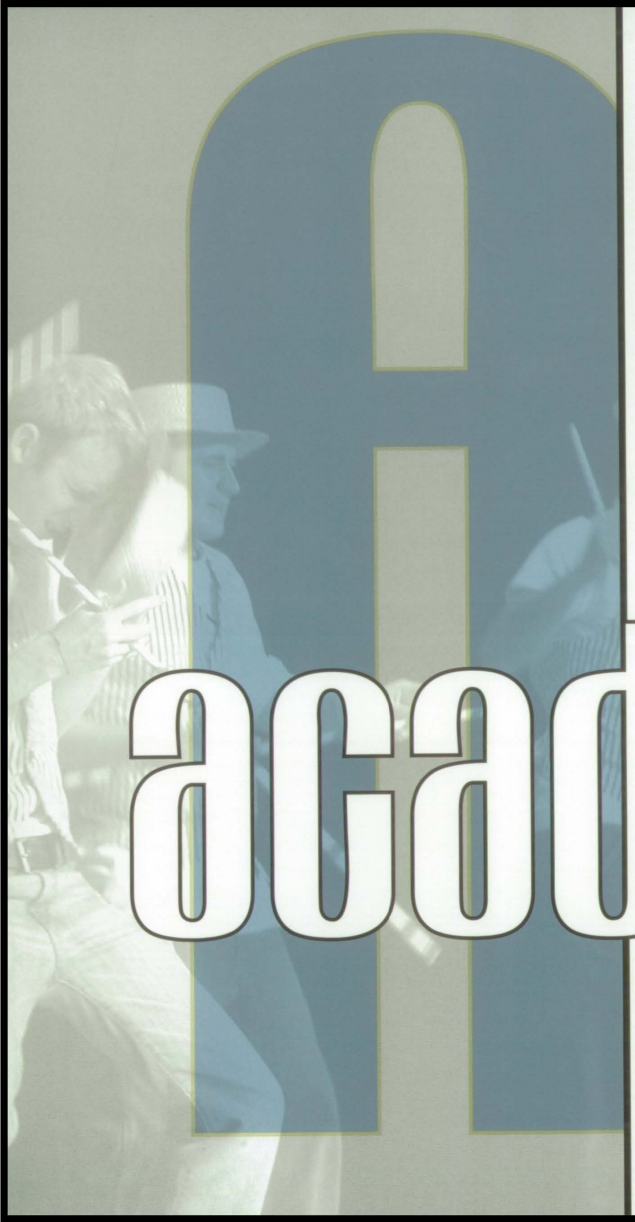
It wasn't until the birth of the Italian designed rapier in the 16th century that fencing as an exercise of speed and skill became relevant. The newer rapier was a pointed weapon and was thus generally used for stabbing purposes, making it a much faster weapon to attack with.

Fencing finally took its final form under Louis XIV of France as he spurred the development of the now foil, epee, and saber for court bouts. Today, fencing is practiced all over the world and is now an Olympic sport.



Spinning blades
With a strong leap forward, Chris Cheng twirls his blade to throw his opponent off guard. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*

FENCING 2004-2005
Left to Right: John Macuk, Natalie Nguyen, Alexis Galvez, David Pham, Daniel Levine, Michael Cheng, Richard Chui, Maria Bichirsky, Ryan Flowe, Matthew Joens



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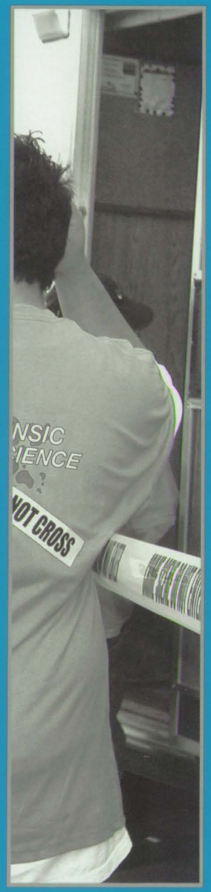
Many of us don't like school and rather despise it, loathing about going to class every day, but is it really that bad? Fighting the system is about as logical as going to a shootout with a knife. True we could all get a job now and start a life, but how would we be able to laugh at others without superior knowledge later on? Personally, I don't like it here an[illegible]uld m[illegible]om[illegible]re w[illegible] m[illegible]n decisions th[illegible]n't [illegible]pe u[illegible] is [illegible]s B[illegible]il w[illegible]ld w[illegible] h[illegible] ov[illegible]t I man. We can always complain about it tomorrow. Always remember, if you don't know the answer, just make it up. I may be smart, but at least I try to have fun being this way. Hello, I love all academic classes!!w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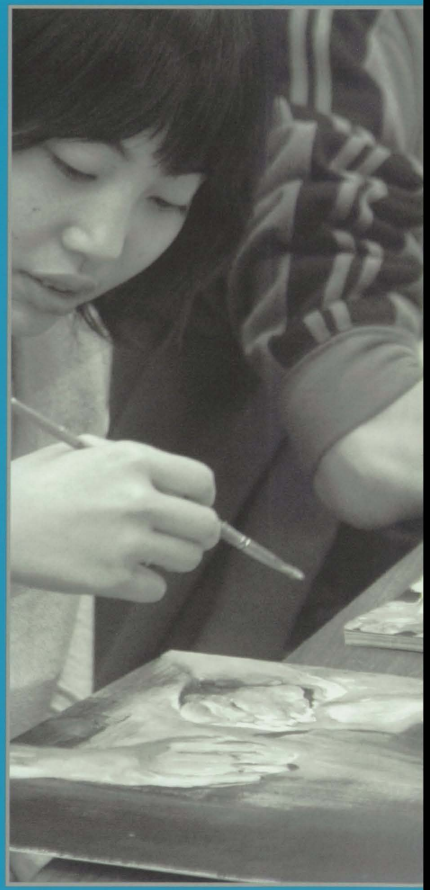

the head Honchos

administration, counselors & clerical department

Zookeepers in the jungle

By Tiffany Nunes

The school's a mess. Garbage is all over the courtyard, cars are being broken into, and people are getting into fights. Students aren't showing up to classes, and teachers are having a hard time trying to punish them for their frequent cuts and tardies. No one's in the office to answer phone calls, or even manage finances. The buildings are deteriorating quickly, and even the district is struggling to get the school back in order.

This is what Irvington would be like without the hard work and dedication of the administration, counselors, and clerical staff. Between time crunches, lack of funds, rules set out by the school district, and about two thousand kids to deal with, their jobs aren't easy - they take a lot of work and energy. Many people don't realize what goes into making a school successful. The administration, counselors, and clerical staff go behind the scenes to do what is needed to make this school stand out.

These dedicated people are here because they like kids and want to help. The job is gratifying to them. "Working with students gives me energy," explains Mr. Dave Howell.

"Been a lot of places over the years but there's no place better than Irvington. It's fun getting paid doing something you love to do," Mr. Pete Murchison says proudly.

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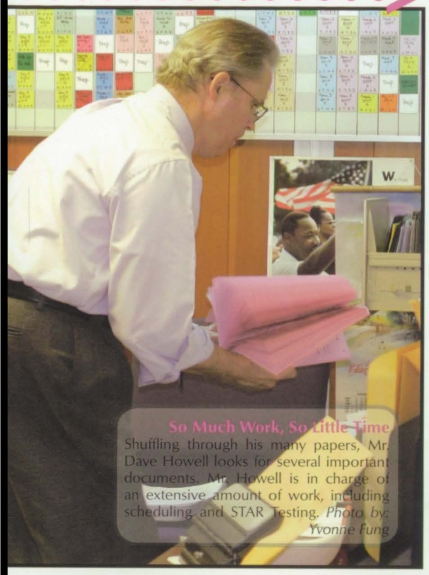
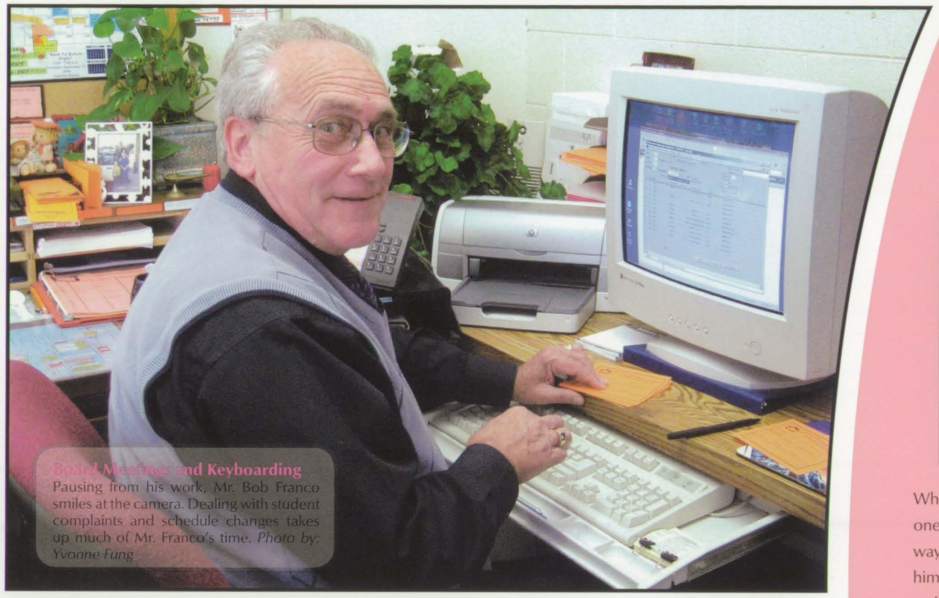
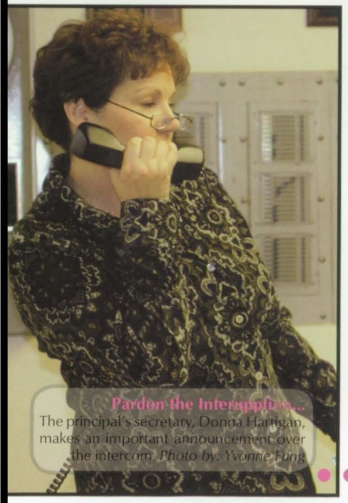
Administrator of Accomplishment Discussing Irvington matters in an important meeting, Principal Pete Murchison consults his yellow note pad. Known for starting QUEST, instituting the 40 hour service requirement, and a multitude of other accomplishments, Mr. Murchison is an asset to the school. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



So Much Work, So Little Time
Shuffling through his many papers, Mr. Dave Howell looks for several important documents. Mr. Howell is in charge of an extensive amount of work, including scheduling and STAR Testing. *Photo by: Yvonne Fung*



Board Meetings and Keyboarding
Pausing from his work, Mr. Bob Franco smiles at the camera. Dealing with student complaints and schedule changes takes up much of Mr. Franco's time. *Photo by: Yvonne Fung*



Pardon the Interruption...
The principal's secretary, Donna Hartigan, makes an important announcement over the intercom. *Photo by: Yvonne Fung*

Pete Murchison
Principal

Dave Howell
Vice Principal

Karen De Baca Martens
Assistant Principal

Greg Bailey
Assistant Principal

Donna Hartigan
Principal's Secretary

Leticia Velazco
Counselor

Bill Stull
Councelor

Bob Franco
Counselor

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Attendance Clerk

SueAnn Ramos
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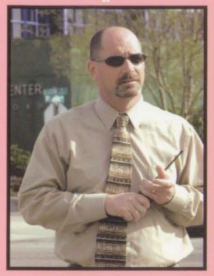

When one thinks of Mr. Bailey, one (honestly, but in the nicest way possible) doesn't think of him as a chick magnet having to beat the ladies away with a stick. However, there was one occasion when Mr. Bailey was quite the stud. During a boys' basketball game at Mission, an elderly woman approached Mr. Bailey and attempted to gradb his butt. Though as fictional as this story sounds, the three Saturdays she got for it were not.

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All In A Day's Work

By Thuy-Nhu Le

When the lunch bell rings, it's break time for the students but the busiest time for the cafeteria workers. The food that fills our stomachs everyday is served by ladies who never fail to give us a smile, even amidst hungry teenagers and grabbing hands. It is their dedication that students always leave lunch with a full stomach and filled with energy to continue learning during the rest of the school day.

Everyday our campus is litter free. Of course, it is no surprise that our school is so clean, considering the unwavering dedication custodians such as Bob Johnson and Arturo Quezada give to our school. Just looking at their schedules is proof of their commitment and the hard work they give to Irvington throughout the year. For instance, most arrive at school at 5:00 A.M, a time when most students are still sleeping in their beds (or desks if they're taking AP Bio), and after the 2:35 bell, which signals the end of the day for students, it signals the beginning of work yet again for the custodians. Working late into the day and even past the evening, they waste no time in cleaning the entire campus, from the portables to lunchrooms, and they are the very reason why our campus is a welcoming sight day after day.

Not only is our school a welcoming sight, but also a welcoming place, thanks to Alex Smith, Jesus Suarez and Officer Sanders who continuously make sure our campus is a safe environment. The devotion Alex and Jesus have to keep Irvington's students safe is obvious, for they are constantly found walking around the school grounds, always keeping a watchful eye, or ready to provide help to students. Seeing Alex give his infamous bear hugs or free rides on the yellow car are common sights, and it is no wonder why many feel safe at Irvington.

We owe this all to our hardworking support staff.

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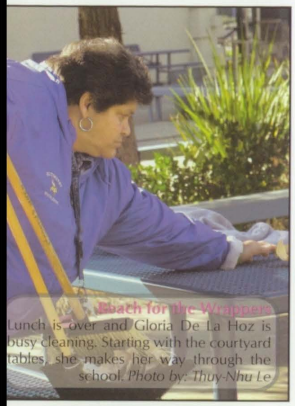
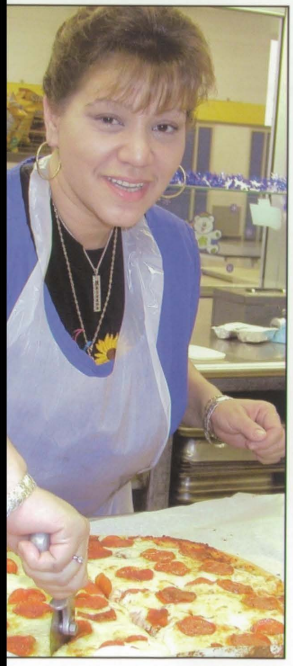
I Spy With My Little Eye... Something is gurgling in the school's drain and Pete Rios investigates the strange sight. There is nothing ordinary about the custodians like Pete because they can handle any task at hand. *Photo by: Kevin Phan*



Bbach for the Wrappers
Lunch is over and Gloria De La Hoz is busy cleaning. Starting with the courtyard tables, she makes her way through the school. *Photo by: Thuy-Nhu Le*

Bear Hugging
Besides keeping our campus safe, Alex Smith is always willing to cheer up students like Belyn Lai with his well-known bear hugs. *Photo by: Thuy-Nhu Le*

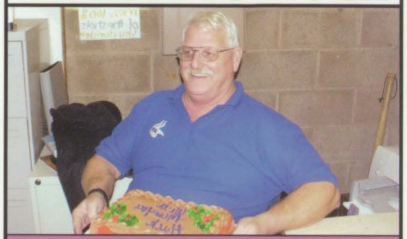


Last Minute Packing
With only ten minutes left until lunch starts, Theresa Lindsay quickly packs the remaining vegetables into the boxes. Besides pizza and chips, there is always healthy food available for students. *Photo by: Thuy-Nhu Le*

Cheesy Smile
Before the lunch bell can ring, Debbie Siliga quickly slices the pepperoni pizza. Debbie always serves food with a smile for all the students. *Photo by: Thuy-Nhu Le*

Scoping the Area
School is over and Bob Johnson scans the courtyard perimeter in search of any littered areas. With dedication like his, it's no surprise the campus is always clean. *Photo: Thuy-Nhu Le*

TRIBUTE TO HUCK



Al Huckaby has worked here for nearly 35 years and his retirement this year has left many students missing the caring and always dedicated member of Irvington's staff. Students of all grade levels have no trouble expressing how they feel about Huck, a nick name they fondly refer to him as and it's no surprise that he will be greatly missed.

"He is always ready to help people and he's always there when you need him. He loves everything about Irvington and dedicates so much of his time for this school. Thank you Huck! I love you."
Amanda Winkley | 12

"Huck makes you feel really comfortable, and he's always been helpful. He's like a grandpa everyone loves."
Lorraine Rego | 09

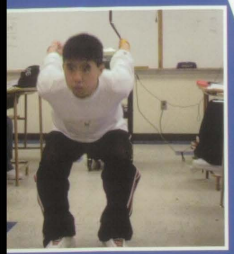
Virginia Dickhart
Food Service

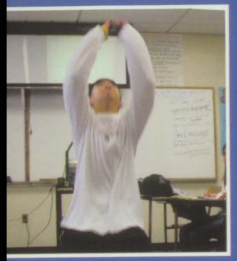
Al Huckaby
Supply Clerk

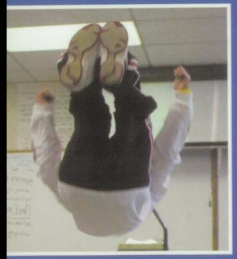
Linda Kimmel
Career Center

Alex Smith
Campus Supervisor

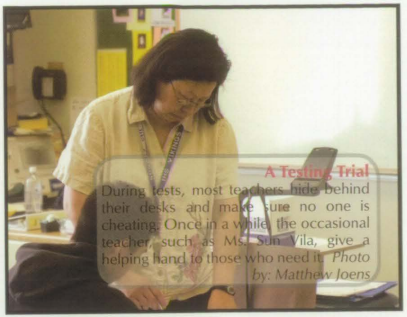
Suzie Wittenberger
Library



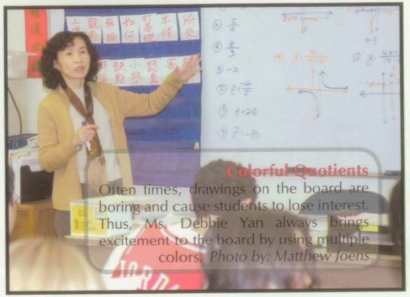




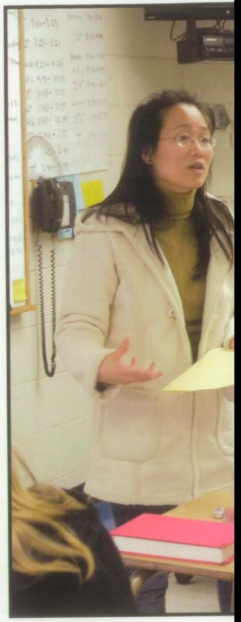
Not Another -Ometry!
Trigonometry is the easiest way to determine the height of something without direct measurement. To do this, Mr. Ray Spooner teaches his students how to use a protractor to get the angles. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*



A Testing Trial
During tests, most teachers hide behind their desks and make sure no one is cheating. Once in a while, the occasional teacher, such as Ms. Sun Vila, give a helping hand to those who need it. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*



Colorful Quotients
Often times, drawings on the board are boring and cause students to lose interest. Thus, Ms. Debbie Yan always brings excitement to the board by using multiple colors. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*



JUMPING ALL AROUND

Not every math class has to be boring and have the same repeated tasks every day. In fact, some teachers like to have fun with their students. Mr. Johns is one of these teachers and any student who has been in his class knows that it is littered with random "toys" that hook up to his calculator. One of these trinkets is a device that measures distance and plots the corresponding data. Immediately following whatever data was input into the graph, students would have to attempt to interpret the data into an equation. Thus it wasn't long before it became a game of who could create the most original graph, and Ryan Ichikawa was declared the winner, showing off a perfect backflip to create an oscillating graph.
Photos: Matthew Joens

Skip Cain
Algebra 1B
Pre-algebra
Dis. Geometry

Suzanne Eicher
Algebra 1A
Algebra 1B

Jeff Hancock
Algebra 1A
Algebra 1B

Michelle Lau
Algebra 2 / Trig Honors

Karen Lin
Geometry Honors
AP Calculus

Raj Nagra
Algebra2/Trig Honors
Algebra 1
Algebra 1 B

Jim Norton
Geometry
Intro to Statistics

Beth Rothfuss
Pre-Calculus Honors
AP Statistics

Ray Spooner
Algebra 1B
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Mike Thompson
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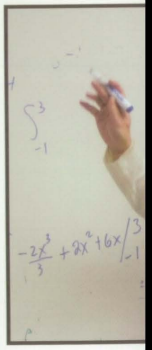

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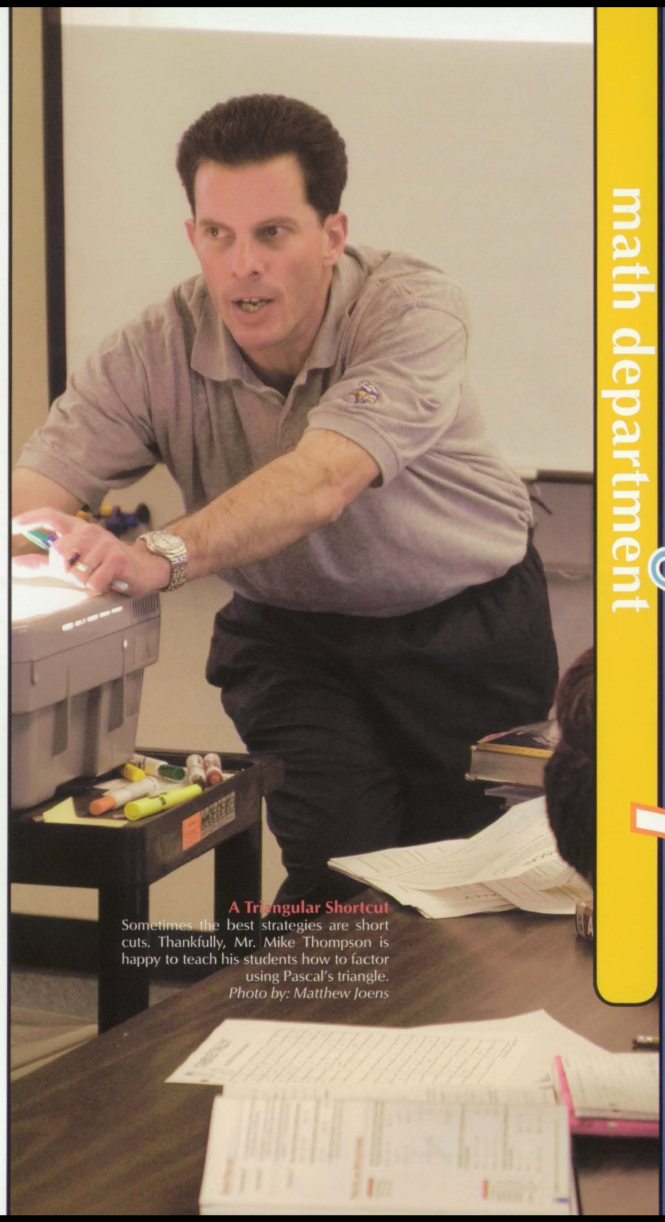
Quick to Answer
Quickly jotting down notes, Tammy Tsai awaits the question Ms. Chun Tai is about to ask her. Tammy knows the answer and is able to impress her teacher.
Photo by: Matthew Joens

Crazy Numbers
One of the most important things learned in calculus is integrals. These problems are often very difficult and Ms. Karen Lin has to help answer questions about them daily. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*



A Triangular Shortcut
Sometimes the best strategies are short cuts. Thankfully, Mr. Mike Thompson is happy to teach his students how to factor using Pascal's triangle.
Photo by: Matthew Joens

dividing It up

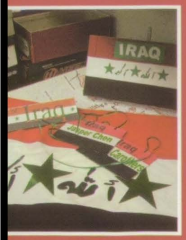
math department

Because Pythagorus didn't have a life

By Matthew Joens

As one of the fundamental classes here at Irvington, math is either loved or hated by everyone. Like most classes, your liking of math shares a strictly direct relationship with your grade. Thus the higher your grade, the more you like the class. However, math classes here at Irvington are far from the stereotypical classes of drudgingly boring, open-textbook daily note taking, as each math teacher strives to make things more interesting by incorporating real-world problems into their lesson plans. Geometry classes find examples of geometry in the real world; statistics classes undergo the infamous M&M project; and calculus classes build models of equations that make heads spin for even some of the most ingenious people here.

What then is the main point of taking math classes, as surely the majority of us will never need to use integrals in day-to-day activities? Do math teachers really want our heads to explode? Are math tests really designed with post-apocalyptic motives hoping that one day someone will really lose it and go crazy? Unfortunately, the answer is no, although the contrary always seems relevant. Then what do math teachers here want their students to leave with, besides a headache? According to Ray Spooner, "I would like my students to leave my class with the wonder of mathematics. All I really teach is how to think logically." Math isn't really as bad as many of us think. In the end, it teaches us all important lessons about patterns and thinking logically.



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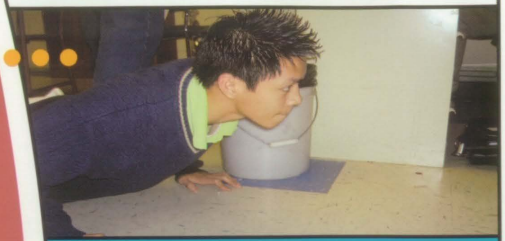
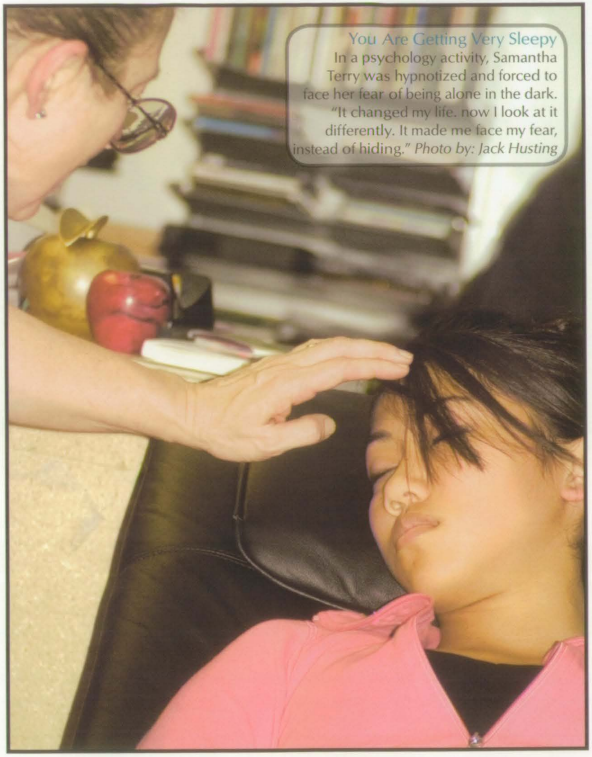
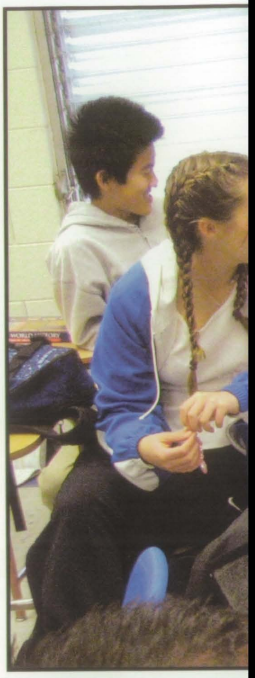


In Mr. Mark Shadduck's class, if someone tries to throw something in the trash and misses they have to do ten push-ups. Phoung Vu is a repeat offender and is constantly on the floor due to his joy in tossing paper. "I shoot and I miss, but at least I get training for badminton this year."



You Are Getting Very Sleepy
In a psychology activity, Samantha Terry was hypnotized and forced to face her fear of being alone in the dark. "It changed my life. now I look at it differently. It made me face my fear, instead of hiding." *Photo by: Jack Husting*



Jennifer Bell
Chamber Chorale
Humanities
Treble Ensemble
Beg. Choir/ choir 2
Magnet Period

Greg Canavero
Government/Econ

Cheryl Cook-Kallio
Department Head
AP U.S. History
We The People

Jennifer Hillier
AP U.S. History
Government/Econ

Nate Ivy
American Studies

Scott Lewis
World History
Academy English
Academy Geography
Academy World History

Steven Musto
AP Govenment/Econ
World History Honors

Jaimie Richards
Psychology 1

Mark Shadduck
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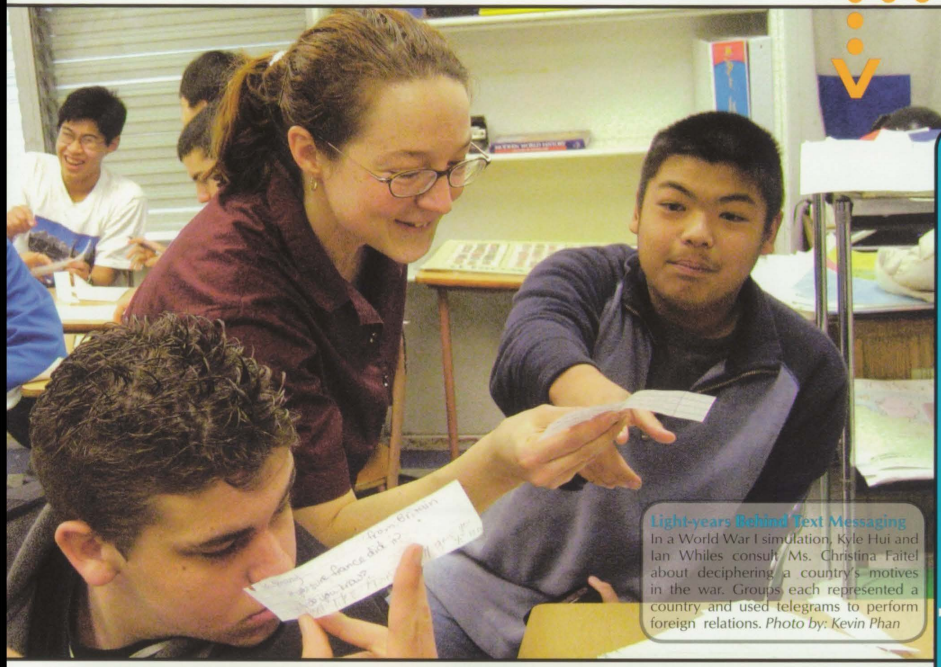
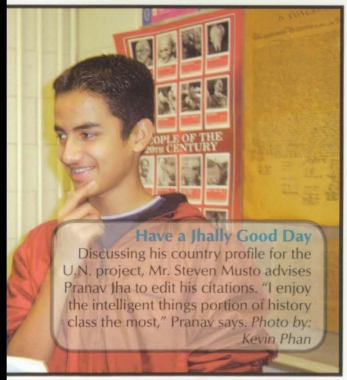
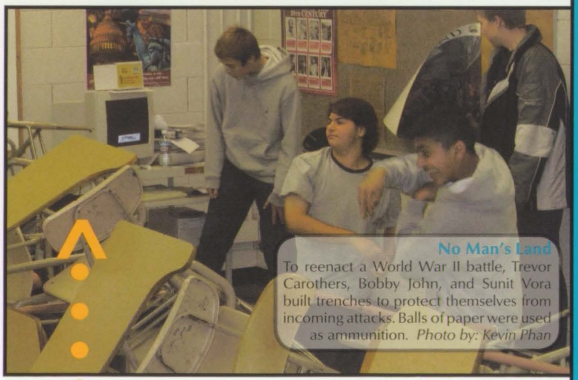


Light-years Behind Text Messaging
In a World War I simulation, Kyle Hui and Ian Whiles consult Ms. Christina Faitel about deciphering a country's motives in the war. Groups each represented a country and used telegrams to perform foreign relations. *Photo by: Kevin Phan*



Have a Jhally Good Day
Discussing his country profile for the U.N. project, Mr. Steven Musto advises Pranav Jha to edit his citations. "I enjoy the intelligent things portion of history class the most," Pranav says. *Photo by: Kevin Phan*



No Man's Land
To reenact a World War II battle, Trevor Carothers, Bobby John, and Sunit Vora built trenches to protect themselves from incoming attacks. Balls of paper were used as ammunition. *Photo by: Kevin Phan*

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History teaches us not to repeat the mistakes of the past By Kevin Phan

Dates, declarations, and diaries, everyone has their own way of noting down their history. Social studies teaches us how world leaders decide fates of their respective nations. Learning politics is vital to us as citizens because as the big 18 rolls around we finally receive the right to choose what happens to us. We decide who sends us to war, who raises taxes, and who is the face that represents the United States.

Mr. Shadduck says that he enjoys history because he "finds it interesting how the events of the past correlate to the events of today and how similar they are." The events of the past reoccur all the time. In the communication world, text messaging has become just as popular as the telephone when it was a new innovation.

Some people may thing that history is boring and useless, but when asked why she loves to teach history, Ms. Christina Faitel responded with a quote from Malcom X, "...of all our studies, history is best qualified to reward our research." Not only do social studies classes teach us to appreciate our past, but they also aid us in keeping up with current events. Mr. Mark Shadduck assigns biweekly current events where students must find a recent article to extend their knowledge of what's going on in the world. Mr. Steven Musto uses "intelligent things" where students are encouraged to watch the news and the next day come in with both global and local stories to share with the class. Mr. Musto says "I want my students to remember me, inspirationally.

not all hugs are Chocolate

peer advocates

Hug support 24/7

By Nabiha Baseer

A class that promotes a positive environment, Peer Advocates is a group of counselors who listen and help students deal with their problems. Seniors, Melissa Hill and Jenisse Demeulenaere state, "Whenever students have issues that they don't feel comfortable talking about, they come to us. In this way, we help bridge the gap between adults and teenagers."

Fully trained by Ms. LuAnn Brazill, these peer counselors are in charge of putting together games, fundraisers, and handling events such as Red Ribbon, Yellow Ribbon, and Tobacco Prevention, Week. "They also put their time in clearing strong conflicts and working with kids in Special ED," Ms. Brazill explains about her students.

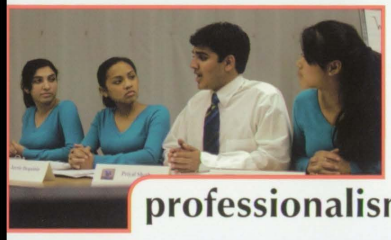
A student run class that has existed for six years, Peer Advocates not only help students with their feelings, but also discuss their own. There are days on which these counselors simply sit in a circle and relax while learning how to deal with personal problems. Assisting the student population, talking about personal conflicts, and participating in events aren't the only activities these students partake in. During days when time is available, peer counselors have fun while playing games, like lifeboat, a game that requires fast thinking and movement.

Students believe that Peer Advocates is a place where one is able to release stress and anger. Justin Wang, president of the class, stated, "Peer Advocates is here because it provides counseling and it lets students know that there is someone there for them."

Embracing the Moment
Caught up in the moment, Ben Palmberg and Chris Nguyen share an embrace during a peer advocates meeting. *Photo by: Nabiha Baseer*

Behind The Scenes
Working on a script, Jenisse Demeulenaere, Melissa Hill, Brian Nguyen and Justin Wang all surround the computer. They are currently working on a movie about the "dangers" of the mouth. *Photo by: Nabiha Baseer*

Wise Ears
Discussing the matters of Peer Advocates, Justin Wang and Christine Campbell listen intently to Ms. LuAnn Brazil's words. *Photo by: Nabiha Baseer*



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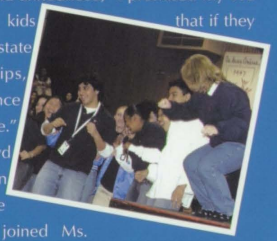
STATE CHAMPIONS!

We the People 2004 - 2005

Row one: Amar Ghodsara, Medhi Khan, Sumant Pathak, Sarah Castellano, Mr. Steven Musto, Daniel Morrissey, Owais Mahesri, Priyal Sheth, Lauren Ritchie, **Row 2:** Patrick Herndon, Anthony Ngo, Melissa Siew, Pamela Hong, Humaira Hosseini, David Parsons, **Row 3:** Michelle Choi, Nikki Sanders, Rashmi Joshi, Tawny Schrodetzki, Karen Yan, Ms. Cheryl Cook-Kallio, Jerrie Dequinia, Humaira Sarker, Victoria Tang, Melissa Perez, Justin Wang, and Supportive Parents

The Black Light Rally was full of the usual cheering and applause but the crowd also received a shocking surprise. Ms. Cheryl Cook - Kallio, the Coach of We the People, stood before the school and announced, "I promised my We the People kids that if they won the state championships, I would dance on a table." The crowd watched in awe as the WTP team joined Ms. Cook - Kallio in the Chicken Dance.



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english department

Semicolons are my friends.

By Kevin Phan and sorta Joviana Carrillo

English teachers are never at a loss of words. After interviewing the department we found out what their favorite ones were.

"**Asinine** because it sounds funny. It sounds intelligent." - Ms. Alicia Pike

"**Dare**. It's a great word for challenges like dare to be great." - Mr. Daniel Sipsy

"**Pusillanimous**. If I were at a football game and I were to comment to a player that their move was rather pusillanimous, they would not know that I was berating them." - Mr. Bobby Spain

"**Defenestrate** means to throw out of a window. I think it's cool there's a word for everything in the English language." - Ms. Alison McAuley

"**Knave** is my favorite word because it's an accurate description of many human beings. Not in my class, but in many others." - Mr. Marek Breiger

"**Anhedonistic**. Its a sad way to live that I try to avoid." - Mrs. Liz O'Connor

"**Surf**. That says it all." - Mr. Mark Zeljack

"**Medusa**. I like the way it sounds. I also get a really good visual image. Snakes on her head and turning men into stone." -Ms. Skye Langs

"**Grapple** because I feel it's applicable to everybody. Everybody has to explore issues within them as well as what we see in the world outside ourselves." - Ms. Natalia Skolnik

"**Superfluous** means not necessary or excessive. I like the way it sounds and it's fun to say." - Ms. Rebekah Reddy

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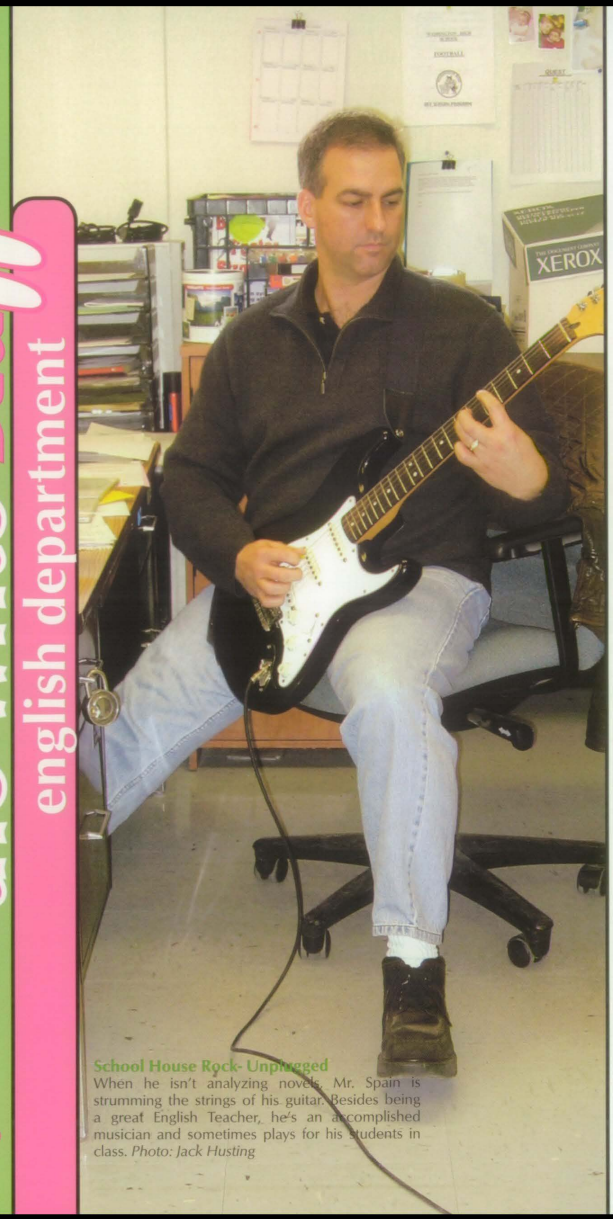
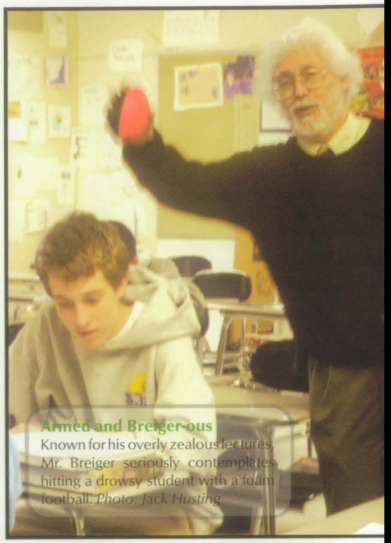


School House Rock- Unplugged
When he isn't analyzing novels, Mr. Spain is strumming the strings of his guitar. Besides being a great English Teacher, he's an accomplished musician and sometimes plays for his students in class. *Photo: Jack Husting*



Armed and Breiger-ous
Known for his overly zealous lectures, Mr. Breiger seriously contemplates hitting a drowsy student with a foam football. *Photo: Jack Husting*

Melissa Antonacci
English 12
Quest Coordinator

Belinda Brackett
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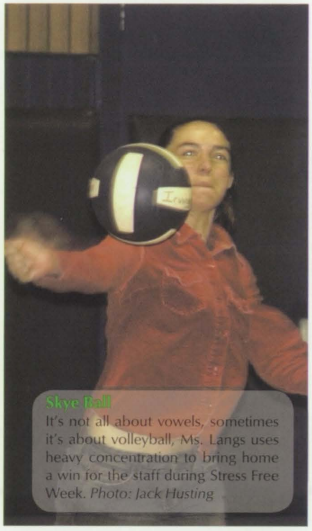
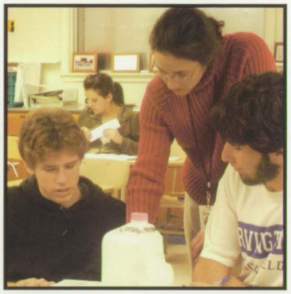


Skye Ball
It's not all about vowels, sometimes it's about volleyball, Ms. Langs uses heavy concentration to bring home a win for the staff during Stress Free Week. *Photo: Jack Husting*



Fun Fiction
During the new class Creative Writing, Ms. Skolnik helps students Scott Williams and Jeff Zmoleck on their short stories.
Photo: Jack Husting

Acting Academic
Performing skits helps students remember vocabulary words in Miss. Brackett's class. Here, two students are trying to keep the smirks off their faces. *Photo: Jack Husting*

A "Vowel" Ghost

"When I first got this room, I was told by other staff members that it was haunted by a student named George. I heard there was a student called to the office one day that never returned. I've had weird stuff happen in here. O.A.s have come with a pass for a George when I didn't have a student named George. I think the weird voodoo doll is related to George. Students have asked why I don't take it out but I think it might be bad luck to do so."
- Ms. McAuley

Luann Brazill
American Studies
Peer Counseling

Marek Breiger
English 11 AP
English 9 Honors

Elizabeth Ernst
English 10 CCA
English 11 AP
English 10 H CCA

Jennifer Hedlund
English 12 AP
English 10

Skye Langs
English 11
English 12

Allison McAuley
English 10
English 10 Honors
English 11

Liz O' Connor
English 9 Honors
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Natalia Skolnik
English 10
English 11
Creative Writing

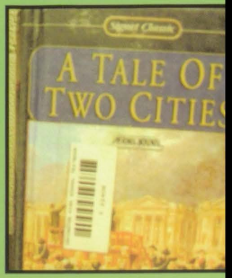
Bobby Spain
Humanities English 12
English 9

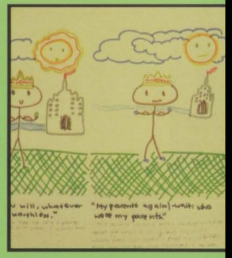
Katie Tallorin
English 9 Honors

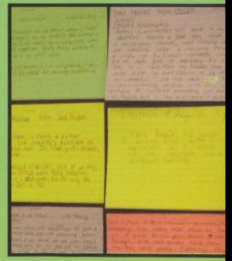
Mark Zeljak
English 9
ELD 1

NOT ALL IN WRITING

English isn't all about writing and in fact, the majority of the work you do is completely the opposite of that. Despite the fact that you might have to write something afterwards, reading is also a major component of any english class. Lastly, no english class can ever be complete without the integration of art into some lessons.







Dead or Alive?
The frog in Mr. Wai - Pan Chan's Anatomy/Physiology class gets poked by Iris Leung, Melissa Casas, and Jenisse Demeulenaere. The first step was to determine the gender of their specimen. *Photo by: Pamela Hung*

Leaning Tower of Marshmallows
Participants Joviana Carrillo and Michelle Sanborn build their beehive for the Marshmallow Building contest as Laurie Hollog joins in the laughter. After measuring 1.5 m, the tower fell. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

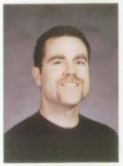
Sulakshna Anand
AP Biology
Env. Science

Wai-Pan Chan
Anatomy & Physiology
Chemistry
Bio Tech

Josh Hill
Physical Science
Biology

Alex Lee
AP Chemistry
Chemistry

John Macuk
AP Physics
Physics
Physical Science



Daniel Pearce
Physical Science CCA
Env. Science

Tiffany Russow
Biology Honors
Biology

Mary Zimmerman
Biology
Chemistry

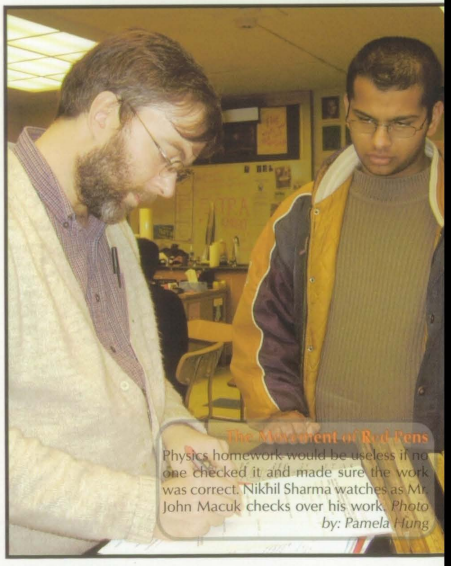
THE PASSION FOR LIFE

I was a camp counselor and we went to Camp Calaveras in Sonoma to see the giant sequoia forest. You'd close your eyes and they would lead you around the base of the tree. Then you would open your eyes and keep looking up and you still couldn't see the top.

They took us to another tree that was actually only the stump. It had stairs to the top that could fit at least forty people. They had cut it down and brought it to the East Coast to show the people how big the trees in the West could grow. Everyone else thought, "this is neat." I just stood there and thought of the spirit of the thousand-year-old tree that was destroyed just for show. I was consumed with grief and started to cry. The students laughed at me.

I was sad that man destroyed one of the marvels of nature and a gigantic symbol.

Ms. Anand | Teacher



The Movement of Red Pens
Physics homework would be useless if no one checked it and made sure the work was correct. Nikhil Sharma watches as Mr. John Macuk checks over his work. *Photo by: Pamela Hung*

Pop Pop Fizz Fizz
As Steven Swaby-Clacken holds the tube, the other group members, Richard Wan and Daniel Ferrarese, attempt to put the Alka-Seltzer tablet underneathe. Dr. Mary Zimmerman instructs the group on successfully completing the lab. *Photo by: Pamela Hung*

go for the Mole! (6.022 x 10^{23})

science department

"it's NOT an Animal!"

Science? Who needs science?

By Pamela Hung

Everyone needs science. It's everything that's happening in the world whether we are aware of it or not. Science is life. Biology, literally, is the study of life. Physics is studying the movement of things in life. Anatomy and physiology is studying the parts of living things. Chemistry is studying the composition of life on the chemical level. Learning about science allows people to know what they can or cannot do, what may or may not happen, why something is the way it is.

Okay, so we know we need science; but who's going to take the time and work to TEACH this important subject? No one is more qualified than the Irvington Science department. "You learn what you teach. For one day to teach, you can learn more than the student," said Mr. Wai-Pan Chan. Ms. Sulakshna Anand's favorite activity is to read The Lorax [by Dr. Seuss] to teach students about ecology and the environment. In Mr. Chan's Anatomy/Physiology class, he has the students hold a wedding for anatomical parts. Lectures with Powerpoint presentations allow for a more visual way of understanding material in AP Biology.

The teachers teach, but it is the student's responsibility to learn. "Follow every single instruction for the benefit of my wisdom and you won't antagonize me either," suggested Mr. Daniel Pearce. Not forgetting to study and spending time trying to understand the material helps too.

Other factors that set this department apart are labs that include explosions and dissecting things like cow eyes, frogs, and cats. "Watching half the kids squirm and the other half go crazy to dissect the eye is great," said the smug Mr. Pearce.

Mr. Alex Lee explains, "Explosions are exciting because of the instant release of energy. It incorporates sound and sight, and it's exciting to watch."

We'll watch out for Mr. Lee.

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Strokes of Ingenuity

visual arts department

Life as an Artist

By Matthew Joens

Everyone who has an art class will announce to the world that they are a bad artist, despite the fact that their work is praised by everyone around them. However, it is the artist's freedom of expression and different form of thinking that captivates those who take art. "Many people don't realize their appreciation for the world around them until they have to draw it," says Ms. Kim Parker. Though at times very difficult, everyone always looks back on their art class and reminisces about how much fun it was.

As the art magnet of the area, Irvington offers art in three areas: 2D art, 3D art, and photography. Artists in all three of these areas work tirelessly to create amazing works of art, but in the end, it is only the final product that gets any recognition. What is never recognized is the devotion and effort many dedicate their time to in order to produce that beautiful display of color found posted in the office.

When an artist first sits down, the image they have in their mind of what they want to create is always amazing and breathtaking. Just the thought should have its own exhibition. However, this museum-quality idea is immediately shattered after the first line. One line, and already thoughts of impending doom and disfigured stick people flood the mind, only to later wither away after the second line is drawn. Work then resumes until the piece is near completion, a time when the artist will sit back and lose hope once again. Regardless of how small the error is, the reaction somehow always mimics that of Australia randomly exploding. The smallest continent gone, yes, but where would the world be without kangaroos? This final gasp of frustration ends at last when two brush strokes fix that minute problem. What is left over is jaw-dropping, frustration-instilled art we see covering the school.

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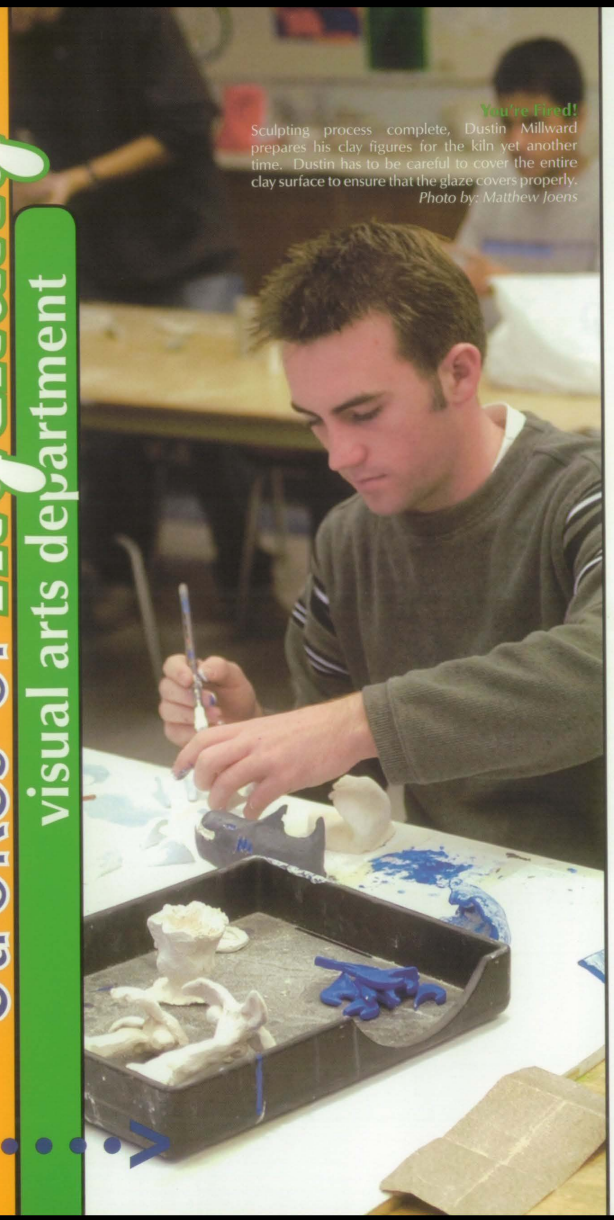
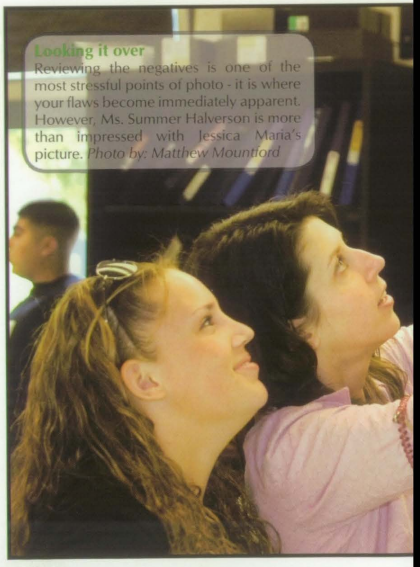


You're Fired!
Sculpting process complete, Dustin Millward prepares his clay figures for the kiln yet another time. Dustin has to be careful to cover the entire clay surface to ensure that the glaze covers properly. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*

In a Pinch
Unafraid to get her hands dirty, Mrs. Pate demonstrates how to properly prepare Johana Penie's clay turtle for firing. *Photo: Matthew Joens*



Looking it over
Reviewing the negatives is one of the most stressful points of photo - it is where your flaws become immediately apparent. However, Ms. Summer Halverson is more than impressed with Jessica Maria's picture. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

Easel-y Amused
Vista student, Nicole Vandenburg, paints the easel in front of her. Though the perspective proved to be difficult to paint, the overall product came out magnificent. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*

PAPER SENTIMENTS

Every year around Halloween, Mr. Robert Moran's Ohlone art class creates gigantic posters in remembrance of the deceased. The posters are then displayed in the library to celebrate Dia de los Muertos – the Spanish day of the dead. Often, these meticulously detailed works of art prove to be very moving. This year, it was of Cody Ledo, who sorrowfully left us last year in a tragic accident. "There were a lot of sad faces, but the overall message it sent was very positive," reflected cocreator Elizabeth Emge. Although only made of paper, these amazing works of art tell their own story of the importance and celebration of life.

Kate Denis
Beg. Drawing
Art Spectrum
Yearbook

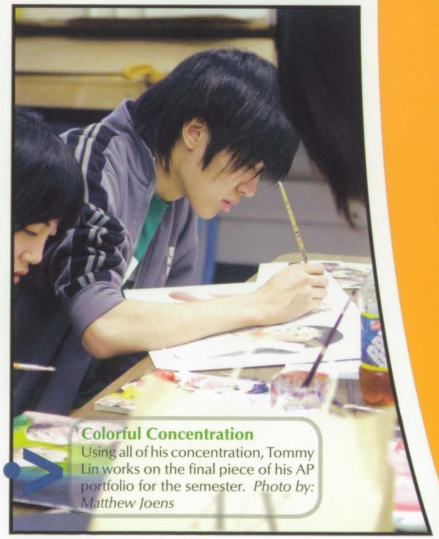
Summer Halverson
Photo 1
Photo 2
AP Photo

Robert Moran
Ohlone Art
Art 1
Studio Art/AP Studio Art

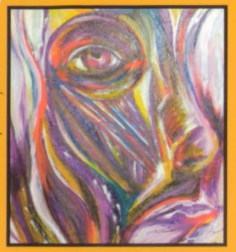
Susan Pate
Department Chair
Art 1, Sculpture/
Ceramics, Studio, &
Studio AP

Joe Rozewski
Art 1
Sculpture/Ceramics

Kim Parker
Art 1



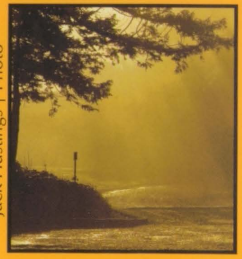
Colorful Concentration
Using all of his concentration, Tommy Lin works on the final piece of his AP portfolio for the semester. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*



Chia Wu | Acrylic

Elisa Espana | Acrylic

Jessica Yang | Colored Pencil



Jack Hustings | Photo

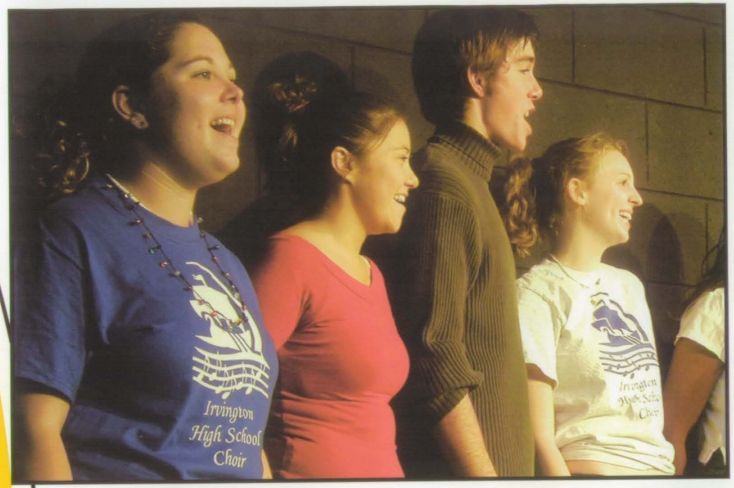
A Few Pointers
Directing the students by using her finger to keep time, Ms. Jennifer Bell shows them how to sing the correct pitch. She has the ability to give instruction and play the piano simultaneously.
Photo by: Thuy-Nhu Le

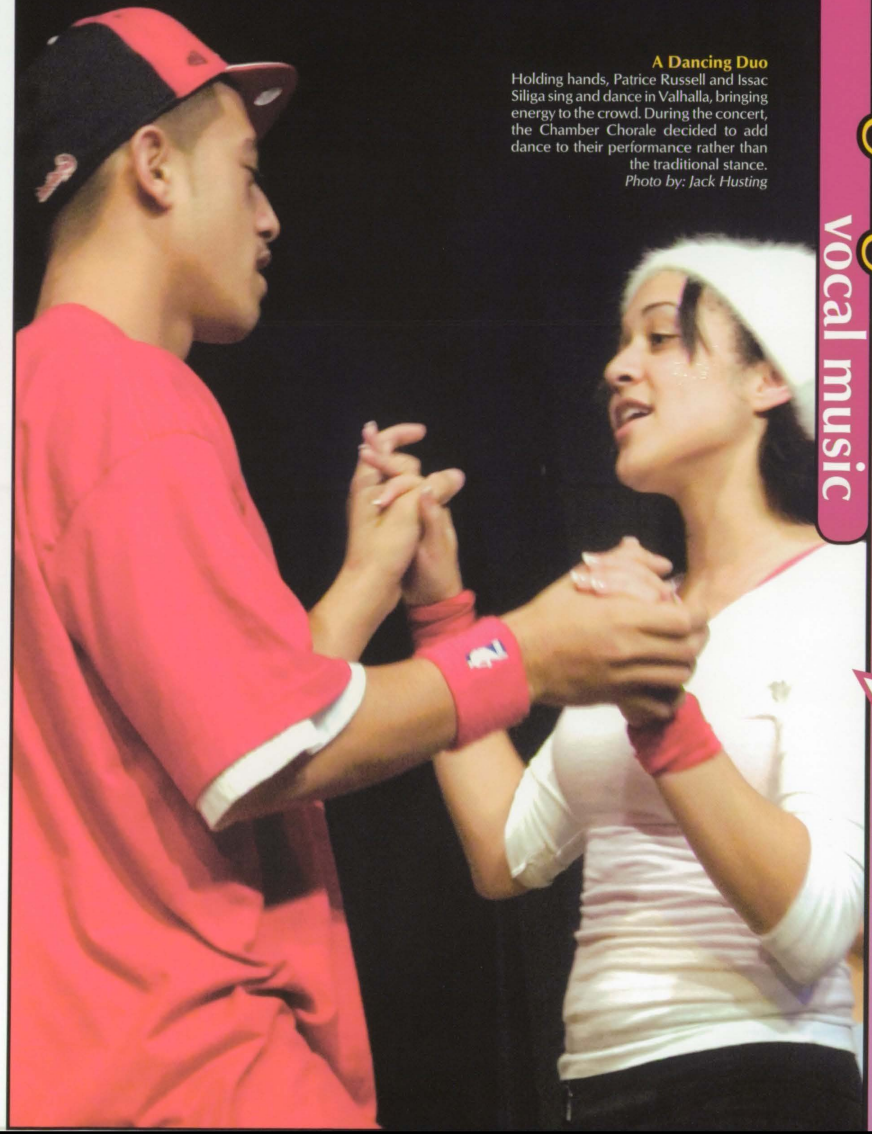
The Singing Quartet
With wide smiles all around, Erin Coker, Jonathon Canada, Brittany Jenesse, and Amanda Winkley sing their hearts out. They received loud cheering and applause at the Winter Assembly with their fantastic singing. *Photo by: Thuy-Nhu Le*

Hark! How The People Sing
Singing in harmoniously, Ping Sun, Preeti Shekar, and Christine Zhu, captivate the audience. The effort they put in with weeks of practice was obvious from the loud applause they received at the end of the show. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Singing Like Angels
Practicing for the Winter Concert, Barbara Hu and Christina Young sing the Christmas medley. Their hard work paid of, and both sang beautifully. *Photo: Thuy-Nhu Le*

Divya Malik, Rosie Liu, Rebecca Chui, Chen Chen





A Dancing Duo
Holding hands, Patrice Russell and Issac Siliga sing and dance in Valhalla, bringing energy to the crowd. During the concert, the Chamber Chorale decided to add dance to their performance rather than the traditional stance.
Photo by: Jack Husting

Singing Loud & Proud

vocal music

Because Everything's Better in Song

By Thuy-Nhu Le

With Ms. Lee Glover retiring last year, Ms. Jennifer Bell had some pretty big shoes to fill as the new conductor. The concensus was that the shoes were a perfect fit for Ms. Bell, prasing her wonderful work. Ms. Bell is a talented conductor, leading her Chamber Chorale, Beginning and Choir 2 classes to perform beautifully at Irvington's Winter Assembly and Winter Concert.

"Choir has been a great experience for me. At first, I thought it wouldn't be that great since there aren't that many guys in choir. They need more guys in choir! Anyway, Ms. Bell makes the class really fun, and I feel like I can actually sing, which is a really cool feeling for me. I like working together in a group also, and I've met some pretty cool people."

Raymun Kohli | 12

"Since it was my senior year this year, I thought I should try something new. I never thought of myself as a singer, but with Ms. Bell's help, it's been great. It's just really fun to come to class and sing, and it's one of the classes I really look forward to going to. I also like how when we sing and others listen, they feel better, and smile."

Kimberly Rickett | 12

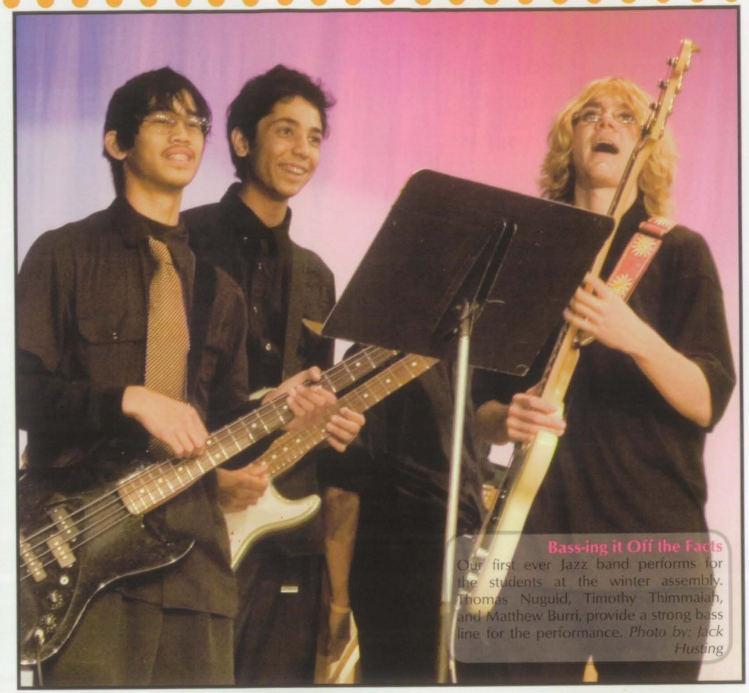
Chamber Chorale and Choir are not just about singing well, but the effect it has on the singers and audience. Singing is a way of escape for some students, allowing them to relieve the stress they have from high school's hectic days. It's a rewarding experience not just for Chamber Chorale and Choir but also for the audiences who can appreciate the beautiful singing they hear.

Stephanie Wong

Marie Lim

Niko Huynh

In Perfect Harmony
During Mr. Rodda's band class Natalie Nguyen works hard to perfect her music. Practice makes perfect, and the clarinets players know that is true. *Photo by: Matt Mountford*

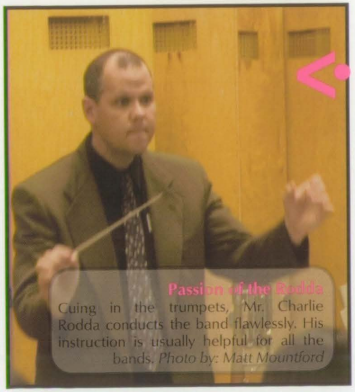


Bass-ing it Off the Facts
Our first ever Jazz band performs for the students at the winter assembly. Thomas Nuguid, Timothy Thimmaiah, and Matthew Burri, provide a strong bass line for the performance. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

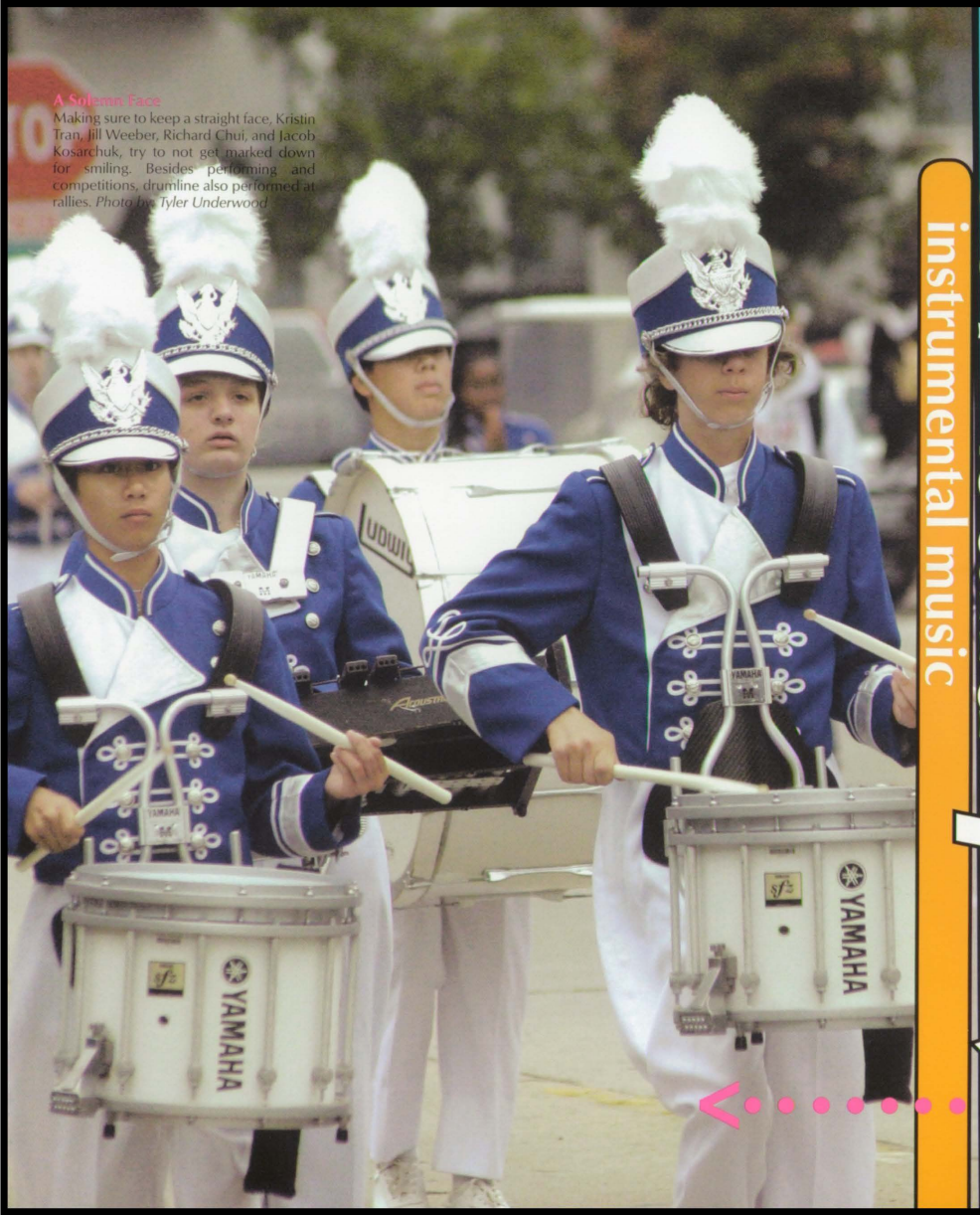
"At the Lincoln Band Review, I tripped and fell in front of three different marching bands and had to watch them laugh at me."

Carolyn Smith | 11

Raising the Flag
The color guard waits for the command to begin the parade competition. After working extremely hard this year, they placed first at the competition. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



Passion of the Rodda
Cuing in the trumpets, Mr. Charlie Rodda conducts the band flawlessly. His instruction is usually helpful for all the bands. *Photo by: Matt Mountford*



A Solemn Face
Making sure to keep a straight face, Kristin Tran, Jill Weeber, Richard Chui, and Jacob Kosarchuk, try to not get marked down for smiling. Besides performing and competitions, drumline also performed at rallies. *Photo by Tyler Underwood*

100% band geek

instrumental music

Because Admitting You're a Geek is Easier

By Carolyn Smith

It was an amazing year for every member of the band. They brought home the medals that represent our school. Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble, were outstanding and improved greatly throughout the year to the present day. The competitions were a unique experience as well but the best experience of all was the bonding that mended all the students together by the end of the year.

High school bands are quite easy to think of. You instantly think of instruments, uniforms, people marching, and the famous IHS drumline that gave us that rhythmic (and almost hypnotic) beat all year. But when a band student thinks of band, they remember the once in a life time experiences and friendships that were formed. To be honest, the best part of band were the long bus rides where we got to chat away and play guitar for a few hours...and maybe the cuddle with the person we wanted to sit next to. We'll never forget the beach football, the inside jokes, the crushes, the relationships, and the energy. You know you love band when you start humming the tune and can't wait to play a song like First Suite in E Flat. Remember Lincoln, remember Lodi, remember everything. But most of all, we will remember the relationships and bonds that have come out of the school year. As Bonnie Swartz put it, "Band is what I do, not what I am." As for the rest of us, "Band Geeks for Life!".

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under the spotlight

performing arts

Where Stage Fright is Not an Option

By Yvonne Fung

The Performing Arts Department consists of all the various Drama classes (1, 2, and Advanced) and Social Dance (1 and 2) classes. Both courses have graced us with their spectacular performances, which were a result of their hard work. The Drama 2 Class has put together a number of productions, including the Back to School performance.

According to Mr. Greg Bailey, the back to school performance is primarily to give the freshmen all the rules without having to read them from the assignment book. Dale Lai, a freshman that watched the show said, "Watching the performance was much easier to understand. I still remember when one of the actors said he wanted to be a senior and his wish came true. People may think that it's great to be a senior, but I realized you have to think about college and QUEST, which is far from being unstressed."

With a singing quartet consisting of Austin Taylor, Evan Boomer, Kyle Padilla, and Jonathan Canada, their performance gave a good impression of the department to the new freshmen. They helped the actors get points across, such as respect, dress code, and the importance of going to class. However, one of the memorable lines was, "Freedom... be thankful while you have it," which is something all upper classmen can definitely relate to.

Ms. Linda Jackson, the head of the Drama department said (regarding the first performance of the Drama 2), "I think they did a great job. The students were creative and they were really entertaining. The group this year has a lot of potential and I expect a lot from them."

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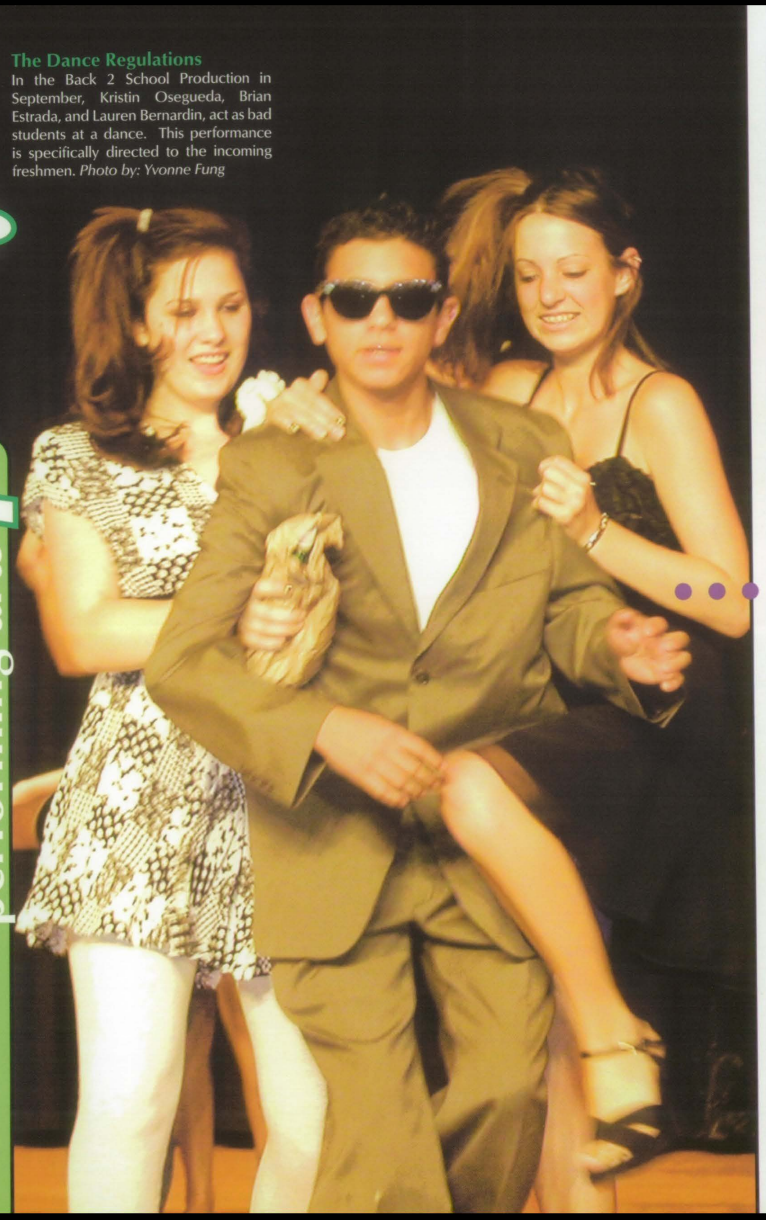
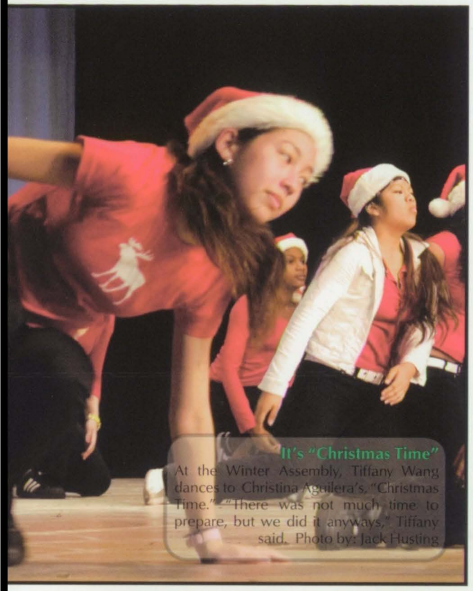
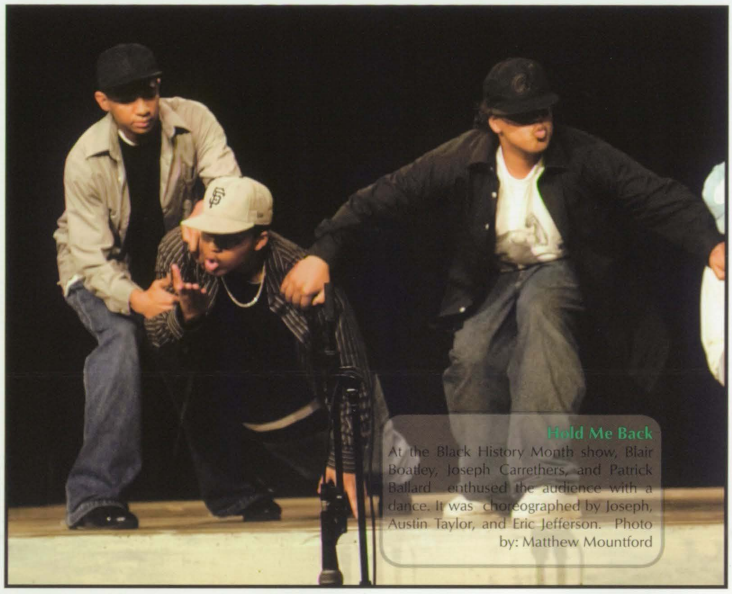


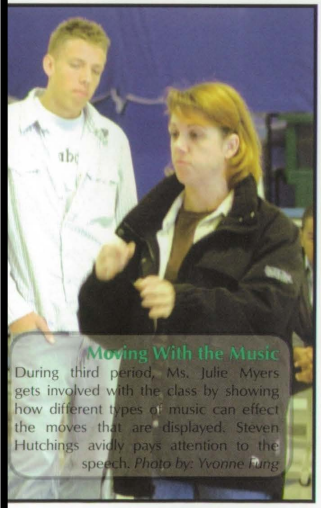
The Dance Regulations
In the Back 2 School Production in September, Kristin Osegueda, Brian Estrada, and Lauren Bernardin, act as bad students at a dance. This performance is specifically directed to the incoming freshmen. *Photo by: Yvonne Fung*



It's "Christmas Time"
At the Winter Assembly, Tiffany Wang dances to Christina Aguilera's, "Christmas Time." "There was not much time to prepare, but we did it anyways," Tiffany said. Photo by: Jack Husting



Hold Me Back
At the Black History Month show, Blair Boatley, Joseph Carrethers, and Patrick Ballard enthused the audience with a dance. It was choreographed by Joseph, Austin Taylor, and Eric Jefferson. Photo by: Matthew Mountford



Moving With the Music
During third period, Ms. Julie Myers gets involved with the class by showing how different types of music can effect the moves that are displayed. Steven Hutchings avidly pays attention to the speech. *Photo by: Yvonne Hung*

A Rough, Winter Afternoon
Santa Claus, played by David Arrizon drinks a cold beverage while his elf, played by Redmond Ramos rings a bell. Santa must have forgotten that it was the Christmas season. *Photo By: Jack Husting*

Jennifer Bell
Choir 1 & 2,
Chamber
Humanities Gov.
Treble Ensemble

Linda Jackson
Drama 1 & 2
Advanced Drama
Dance
Department Chair

Julie Myers
Social Dance 1 &2
ASB

Courtney Shropshire
Drama 1
Arts Spectrum
English 9 CCA

Charlie Rodda
Wind Ensemble
Symphonic Band

US OPEN

During a weekend in Novermber, Social Dance 2 attended the U.S. Open Dancing Competition in San Jose. They placed 6th overall as a class; Shane Gomes and Leana Perez placed 5th in the Couples Category, which qualified them for Junior Olympics in New Orleans. Many memories during the trip included Jeff falling over a chain, cleaning the floor in between every dance, and playing hide and go seek.

"I've taken social dance for three years, and I've stuck to it because... it is like adrenaline. Once the music starts you can't stop dancing," says Leana Perez.

Ms. Julie Meyers, who teaches Social Dance, has high hopes for the team next year. "Our level of dance has greatly improved from last year because more people have been repeating. My goal is for us to place third in the U.S. Open next year."

Making Something New

cca | humanities | american studies

Putting the HUMAN in Humanities

By Nicole Ferguson

Math. English. Social Studies. Government. What do all these classes have in common? They teach you the curriculum, then they quiz you, then move on. There is nothing unusual or unique about the individual classes. But what if you combine some classes and incorporated visual art, performing art, dance, and music? You would be describing the CCA Program, American Studies, and Humanities. They are the same courses with just an interesting twist.

Center for Creative Arts | 9th & 10th Grades

Students enroll in CCA with a passion for the arts and take academic classes with centered on Visual and Performing Arts These freshmen take the core class, Art Spectrum, which is exposes students to art, music, dance, and drama.

The CCA allows many out of the area students to come to Irvington despite the fact that they live in other districts.

American Studies | 11th Grade

American Studies is a class that combines Social Studies and English. Juniors study politics and how they've shaped the modern world. Participants of American Studies get involved in projects requiring them to create political parties and voice their opinions.

Humanities | 12th Grade

Seniors who have greatly enjoyed the Creative Arts Program, move onto Humanities, which unlike the other CCA classes, is only one class that mixes Government and English. Seniors not only learn the required subject matter but also explore the study of human nature and what makes us human.

By looking into the history of different governments, Humanities students broaden their minds and learn the motives behind some of history's biggest events.

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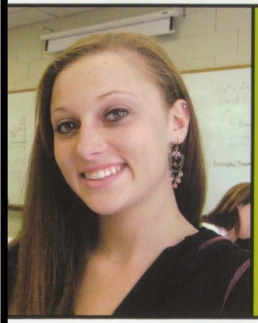
Food and Politics

During the political party extravaganza for American Studies, many groups served food in efforts to persuade the voters to go the polls. Tori Bennett and Shane Gomes serve tempting trays for the attendants.

Photo by: Nicole Ferguson

Tears of Joy?
Many of the skits required a lot of effort and others a lot of emotion. Leana Perez, Jennifer Albright, and Samantha Youre show just how much of both they are capable of. *Photo by: Nicole Ferguson*

"Jerks Beware!"
Presenting her Family Crest drawing in Art Spectrum , Jennifer Bradley translates her motto from Elvish. Classmate Valerie Miller's motto: "You're never fully dressed without a smile!" *Photo by: Nicole Ferguson*

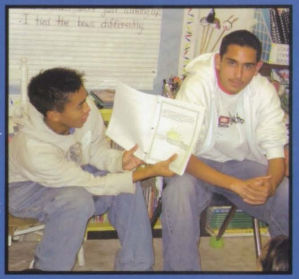


"I wasn't interested in politics at first , but after doing the political party project in American Studies, I got a whole new perspective on what's going on in the government today."

Gina Perelman | 11

Playing the Part
When doing skits for CCA, you often times have to play some strange roles. J.D. Whitfield and Brian Amsler show their softer side during the culminating event. *Photo by: Nicole Ferguson*

Nicole Martin & Morgan Kittrel



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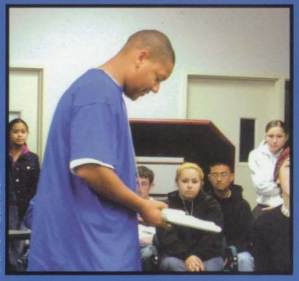


Darren Calhoun

Go Big or Go Home

associated student body

Looking from the outside in

By Nisat Chowdhury

Imagine waking up on the Junior Day of Spirit Week, walking into the courtyard, and seeing...nothing. No bench, no decorations, no students in funny costumes. This would be the result of a lack of student government.

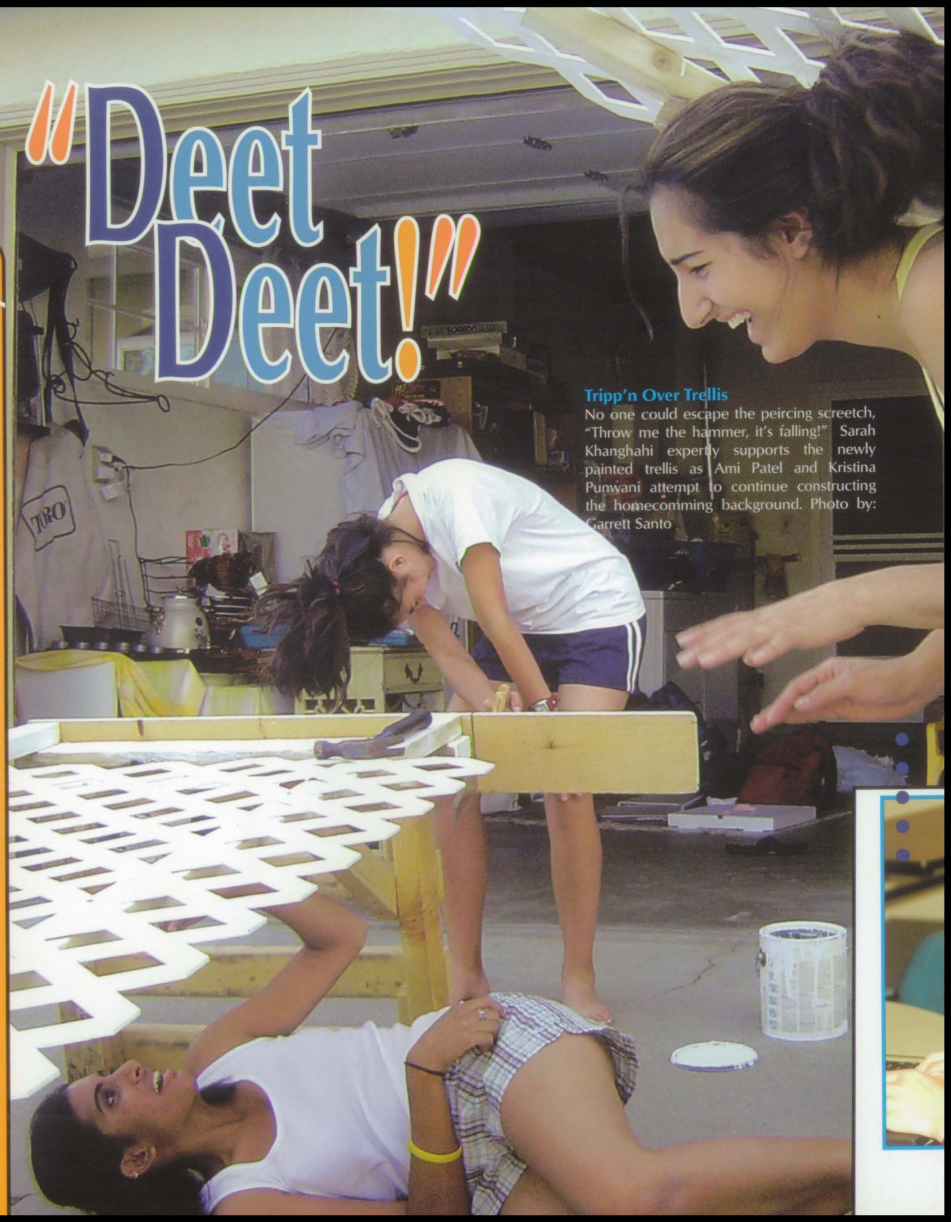
Until sophomore year benchbuilding, until joining yearbook, until being editor-in-chief with Garrett Santo, I had a common misconception of ASB. Believing that it was an elitist group of students, ASB had no more of my respect than any other club on campus. But after interviewing them, covering the events, going backstage and behind the scenes, I quickly changed my opinions. This was not just another random club, but rather a dedicated team of workers with genuine concern and understanding for our school and campus.

Working around the clock, ASB organized the many events we take for granted. Prom, Spirit Week, dances, Spring Olympics, Stress Free Week, Multicultural Week, and the rallies, all were put together by 40 students who were often underappreciated.

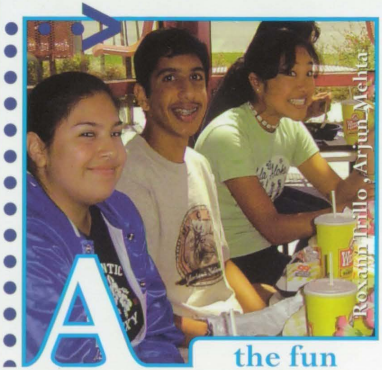
For the next 30 years, this book will be picked up, looked at, read, and admired, but often what the reader will forget is that without ASB, most of these pages would be blank. For ASB not only adds excitement to the tedium of high school but also creates memories that will follow us forever.

Page design by Garrett Santo

"Deet Deet!"



Tripp'n Over Trellis
No one could escape the peircing screetch, "Throw me the hammer, it's falling!" Sarah Khanghahi expertly supports the newly painted trellis as Ami Patel and Kristina Punwani attempt to continue constructing the homecoming background. Photo by: Garrett Santo



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Renam Trillo, Arjun Vichha

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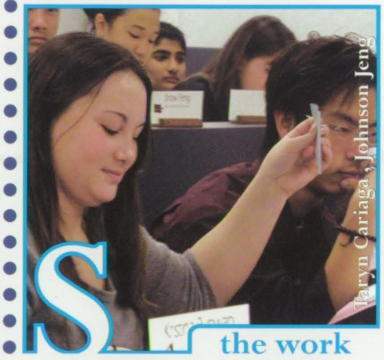

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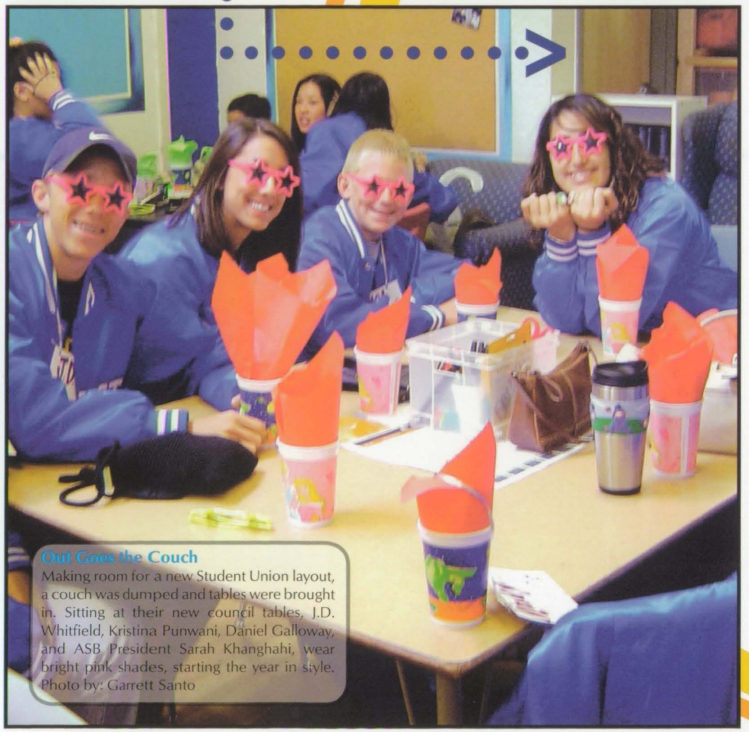
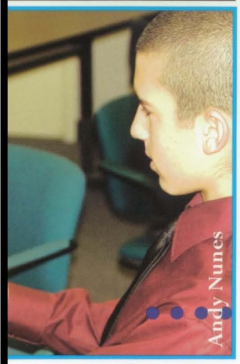
Jaryn Cariaga, Johnson Jeng



Out Goes the Couch

Making room for a new Student Union layout, a couch was dumped and tables were brought in. Sitting at their new council tables, J.D. Whitfield, Kristina Punwani, Daniel Galloway, and ASB President Sarah Khanghahi, wear bright pink shades, starting the year in style. Photo by: Garrett Santo



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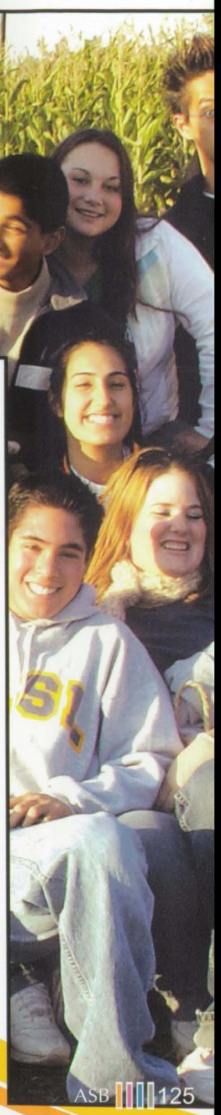
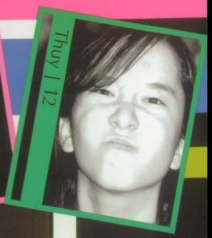
Kristina Punwani



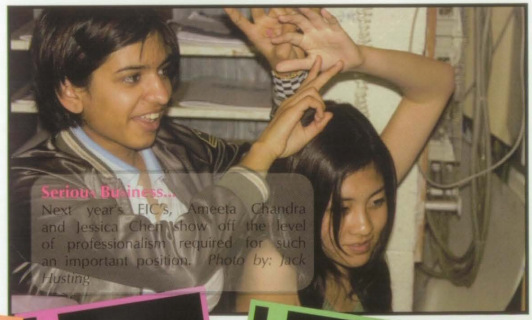


CRAZY JANE

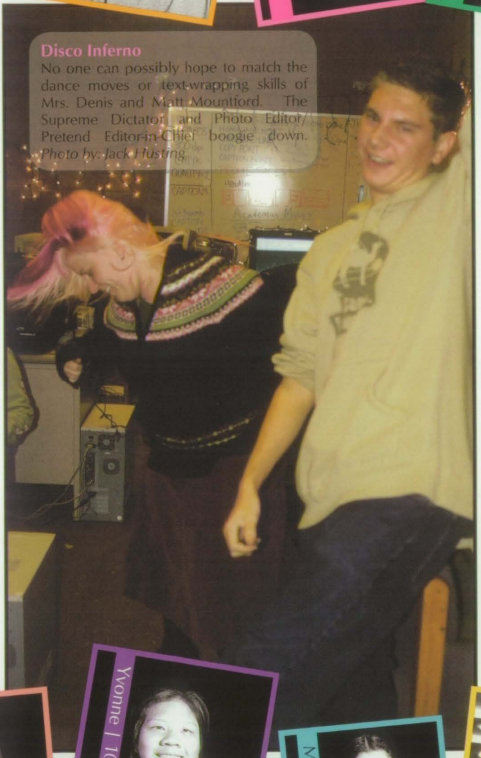
By Matthew Mountford

After switching to a new printing company, Herff Jones, the SAGA yearbook staff acquired a new representative, Jane Roerhig. The very first day we met her and she said "Excuse me, but my lips are going to be sticking to my teeth because I just took my ADD pills," and then proceeded to smack her lips like a horse, we knew that she was... not your average adult. Throughout the year, Jane surprised us with spontaneous answers to questions about the origin of chop sticks and the "proper" way to fill your mouth with whipped cream from a can. Crazy Jane ended up being the perfect representative for our more than Crazy book. With a staff that has members with 5 extra teeth, nicknames like Cancerpants, a Happy Editor, a girl that dresses up as a pirate, and an adviser with pink hair and a tattoo depicting a Dr. Seuss book, Jane ended up fitting right in.

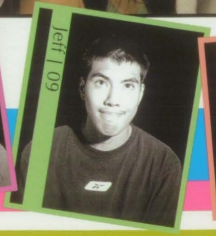
New Times New Roman?
During an interview, Layout Editor Yvonne Fung and Junior Editor Kevin Phan laugh at a joke. Interviews are a good opportunity to see how applicants interact with the current staff. *Photo by: Jack Husting.*



Serious Business...
Next year's EICs, Ameeta Chandra and Jessica Chen show off the level of professionalism required for such an important position. *Photo by: Jack Husting.*



Disco Inferno
No one can possibly hope to match the dance moves or text-wrapping skills of Mrs. Denis and Matt Mountford. The Supreme Dictator and Photo Editor/Pretend Editor-in-Chief boogie down. *Photo by: Jack Husting.*



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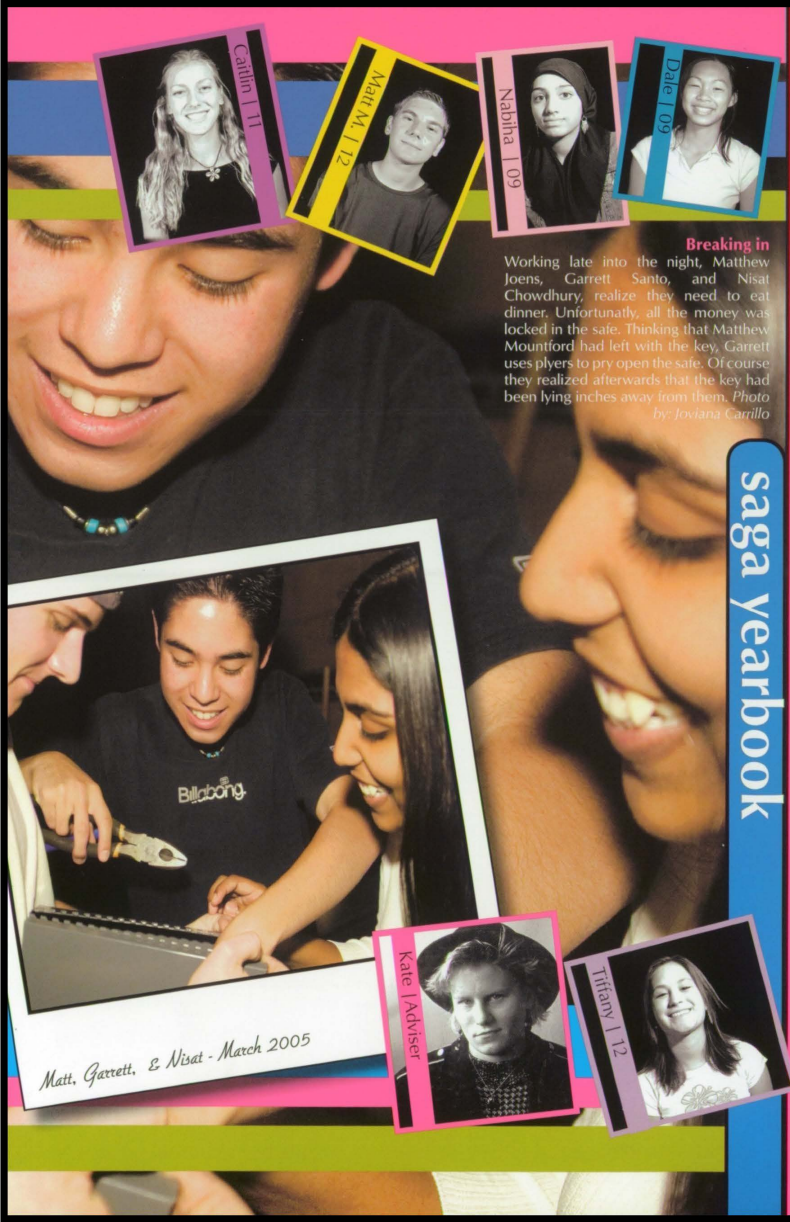

Breaking in

Working late into the night, Matthew Joens, Garrett Santo, and Nisat Chowdhury, realize they need to eat dinner. Unfortunatly, all the money was locked in the safe. Thinking that Matthew Mountford had left with the key, Garrett uses plyers to pry open the safe. Of course they realized afterwards that the key had been lying inches away from them. *Photo by: Joviana Carrillo*

alarm a Llama?

saga yearbook

The story behind the book

By Nisat Chowdhury

The 2005 SAGA Yearbook Staff started the year with no computers, no adviser, no money, no real roster, and low sales. Working out of a small, dingy windowless room, known as "The Dungeon," this team of artists, photographers, designers, and writers, put together this book when the odds were not in their favor. Through the deadlines, the tears, the deleted theme copies, the all-nighters, the pizza, the stress, the dedication, and the changes, the SAGA staffers emerged with laughter, inside jokes, pride, and accomplishment. Their opinions of yearbook may have been different, but their goal was ultimately the same: to put together to best yearbook Irvington had ever seen!

Never fight with an idiot for SHE will only drag you down to her level and then beat you by experience.
-Matthew Mountford | Photo Editor, Business Manager & Pretend Editor-in-Chief

When you're a freshman and have a page due, you pretend to be working hard or suffering and have the copy, layout, or chief editor do it.
-Eric Chen | Freshmen Editor

Do I get an Assistant Happy Editor Nisat? Really, I swear it's a hard job, not everyone can be happy all the time!
-Ameeta Chandra | Happy Editor & Index Editor

There are three things in life I can't live without: food, water, and family...the yearbook staff falls under family.
-Nisat Chowdhury | Co-Editor-in-Chief

There is something about that dust-filled, no-ceiling room that is simply addicting.
-Yvonne Fung | Layout Editor

I joined yearbook so I could put myself back into the right class section.
-Kevin Phan | Junior Editor

Um...HIIIIIIIIIII, did someone say orange and blue?!
-Garrett Santo | Co-Editor-in-Chief

My 9th grade English teacher showed me her yearbook from her exchange year so I decided to join the staff since we don't have such a COOL thing as yearbook in Finland!
-Miina Tikkanen | Staff Writer

If all else fails, blame it on Garrett!
-Tiffany Nunes | Senior Editor

I like you... and you're Dale Lai
-Dale Lai | Freshmen Editor

We're from yearbook and we're looking for people and stuff for next year's staff... anyone interested?
-Jessica Chen | Student Life Editor

Despite trying to make deadlines, staying after school, and meeting on weekends, Yearbook was a learning experience and also a lot of fun.
-Nabiha Baseer | Staff Writer

Do not be co-editor with someone that you have the same classes with unless you know how to restrain yourself from killing them.
-Pamela Hung | Junior Editor

I'll book your year and photo your edit.
-Jack Husting | Photo Editor

When everything goes wrong, Starbucks cures all.
-Nicole Ferguson | Staff Writer

Ich bin ihnen ***en Dienstmädchen nicht; für, "Styrofoam is not microwavable, Nisat."
-Kyle Stephens | Maid & General Assistance

It's amazing that I got away with writing brusque things about people because no one else knew what 'nefarious' or 'iniquitous' meant.
-Joviana Carrillo | Copy Editor & Sophomore Editor

Yearbook would be a lot easier if Nisat's # 2 Hot Blond Boy would get my pictures on time.
-Thuy-Nhu Le

Emo-Schmemo. I was goth before you were even born!
-Kate Denis | Supreme Dictator

Why can't I use a flash for gymnastics? If somebody farted it would be just as distracting!
-Matthew Joens | Academics Editor

This book should be called, "A Lucky Mistake."
-Caitlin Gallacher | Sports Editor

The long lost publication

By Nancy Wang

"The RUNE? What's the RUNE? Is it some kind of EMO club?" For all of you who still don't know, it is Irvington's Art and Literary Magazine. Coming out after a seven year hiatus, the brand new magazine contained sixteen pages of the campus' most creative works. On hearing "literary magazine" many people shy away and think, "Boring!" However, it is filled with something for everyone: stories, photos, artwork, comics, and college essays.

Getting off to a difficult start, the RUNE had to completely reconstruct its staff. Because there was only one returning member, interviews had to be held. A total of 40 students applied but only 16 made the cut.

As a first year staff member, it has been a great experience being on the RUNE. Meeting up every week and sometimes on weekends to get extra work done, we laughed at each other's crazy antics but always managed to get our work done on time. We've had killer caterpillars and foldable cocks (the rooster!) while we were completing posters

In spite of being a new club, the RUNE set up some memorable activities. In the courtyard on Club Day, did you notice the screaming crowd hollering at splattered, green and pink happy faces? That was the RUNE's Finger-Paint your friend in two minutes. Drawing huge crowds, the activity challenged the participants to remember the skill of finger-painting from pre-school.

Page design by Nisat Chowdhury

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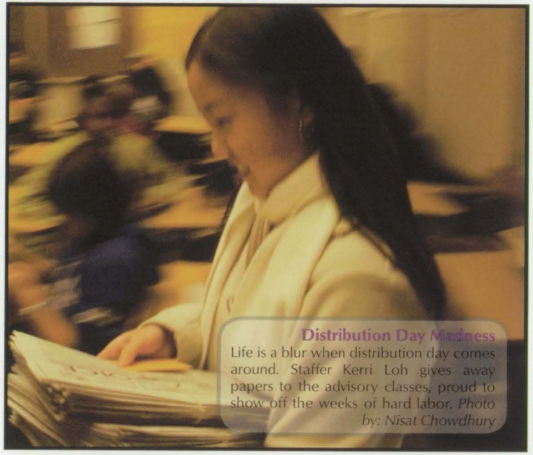
Any publicity is good publicity
To introduce The RUNE to the Irvington Community, they held a "Finger Paint Your Friend in Two Minutes Contest." Lourie Holtog prepares the paint for the contestants. Photo by Jack Hidalgo



Distribution Day Madness
Life is a blur when distribution day comes around. Staffer Kerri Loh gives away papers to the advisory classes, proud to show off the weeks of hard labor. *Photo by: Nisat Chowdhury*

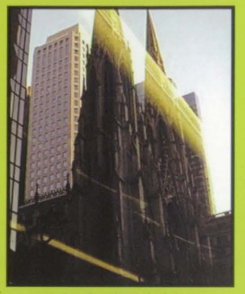
Driven for Donations
Sorting out newspapers before school starts, Melissa Hong makes sure to put the donation envelope with the pile. The Voice is completely run on donations and ad sales. *Photo by: Nisat Chowdhury*

One Quick Question
Even EICs have questions sometimes. Victoria Tang approaches first year adviser Ms. Alicia Pike to talk to her about a pressing issue. *Photo by: Nisat Chowdhury*

THE SUBWAY POET

The newspaper staff took a cross country trip to New York City to attend a journalism conference being held at Columbia University. While they were in New York they encountered strange things such as inconsiderate old people on buses, Gideon Yago, and fifteen dollar Coach wallets. However, the strangest was the William Shakespeare on the subway. The subway had come to a complete stop and the doors slid open. In walked a raggedy man who smelled of NY streets and alcohol. He got the attention of the group and began a poem that contained such verses as, "You are the youth of America," "You're running the race," and "Only to get slapped on your [omitted] nine months later". He took a bow, smiled at us, and without another word, walked off at the next stop. The native New Yorkers continued reading their books or listening to their music but the Newspaper team locked eyes with each other and laughed.

Sarah Sheik



Saint Patrick's Cathedral

Joviana Carrillo, Ketakee Kane, Sara Jo

Anuj Verma, Kushal Kadakia

These are some art projects the entire class create together, such as murals celebrating Black History month and paper hearts for Valentines Day.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

SAGA Yearbook met with Mr. Eric Kaeding, the Special Ed teacher, and asked him a few questions about himself and his students.

SAGA: What's the difference between teaching general classes and Special Ed?

Mr. K: There are fewer students in Special Ed than the general classes. In general classes, you just teach, but in Special Ed, you really learn to care about the students you teach.

SAGA: How do you feel about teaching?

Mr. K: I love teaching. It's a very important and rewarding job. I get to watch the students I teach grow and mature in school.

SAGA: What kind of student were you as a child?

Mr. K: I was a goody two shoes. I always did what the teacher asked, and more. I'd go above and beyond. I guess you could call me an overachiever.

Two Heads Are Better Than One
Math proves to be easy for Jessica Flores when Sarah Engley helps her out. Resource gives students extra tutoring in subjects they may need help with. *Photo by: Thuy-Nhu Le*

Caught Up In the Moment
It's hard not to smile when you're surrounded in a class full of friends. Kirsten Orourke enjoys the company of her classmates and teachers. *Photo by: Thuy-Nhu Le*

Dough-ing Our Best
While kneading the dough, Danny Sanchez checks to see if it is ready to be baked. Projects such as these integrate hands on experience into the curriculum. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Lorraine Riggio-Schwartz
Special Ed

Elanor Ammon
Resource

Erik Kaeding
Special Ed

Kathleen O'Leary
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Elanor Lemke
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Raj Singh
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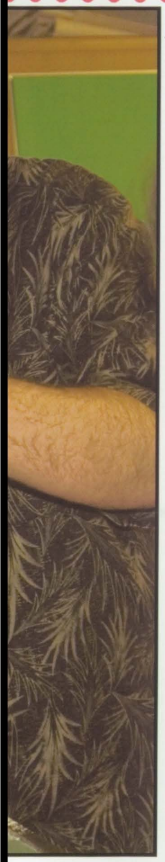


Nancy Patterson
Resource

Lending A Helping Hand
Getting around the class isn't hard for Manjot Bains with Mary Foster's help. Mary Foster is always patient when helping out the students, acting not only as a teacher but also a friend. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

we're all family

resource | special eduction department

Not so different, you and I

By Jeffy Naophiankham and Monica Moreno

Resource and Special Education are programs that help students in their general education classes. Surprisingly, not many people know that Special Education students learn subjects that all other students learn, such as Pre Algebra, English and History, which are taught in smaller, more individualized classes. With dedicated teachers and aides who demonstrate constant patience and care, there is no doubt that the students will meet the standards, while enjoying the classes they participate in.

"I like P.E. the most. It's the best. I got to meet new people and make a lot of new friends too. I think my favorite sport is running because my mom was on the track team in high school. I got running from my mom I bet." Curtis Boggs | 10th Grade

"I love cooking. I already know how to cook and I learned a lot of new things about cooking. I can help my mom at home too." Eunjoo Lee | 10th Grade

Special Day classes not only help students gain the basic skills they need in life but it also allows students to be involved in activities that help them develop their functional skills. For instance, they cook, create art projects, and pick up trash to raise money for the parties they have each year. These activities help students gain social and communication skills.

saves the Day

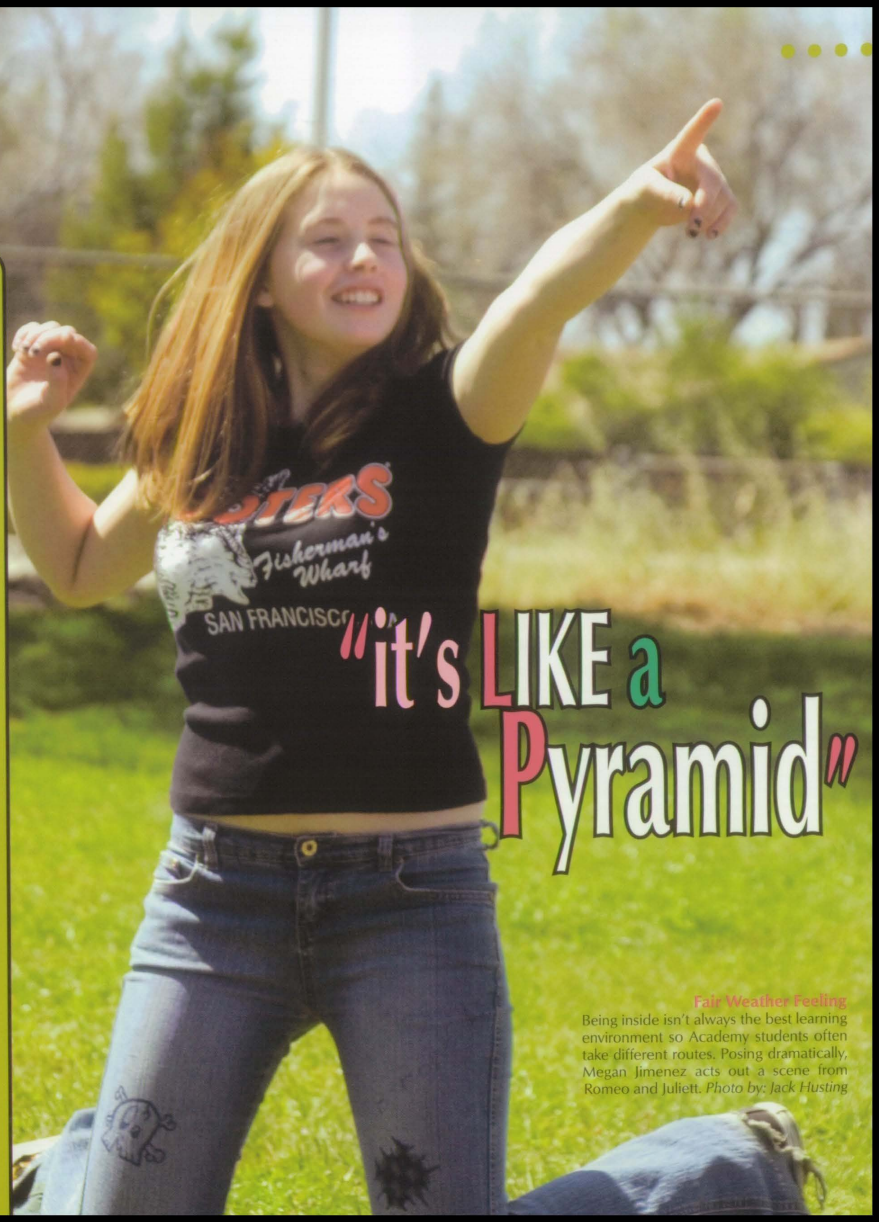
the academy

Keeping the moments alive

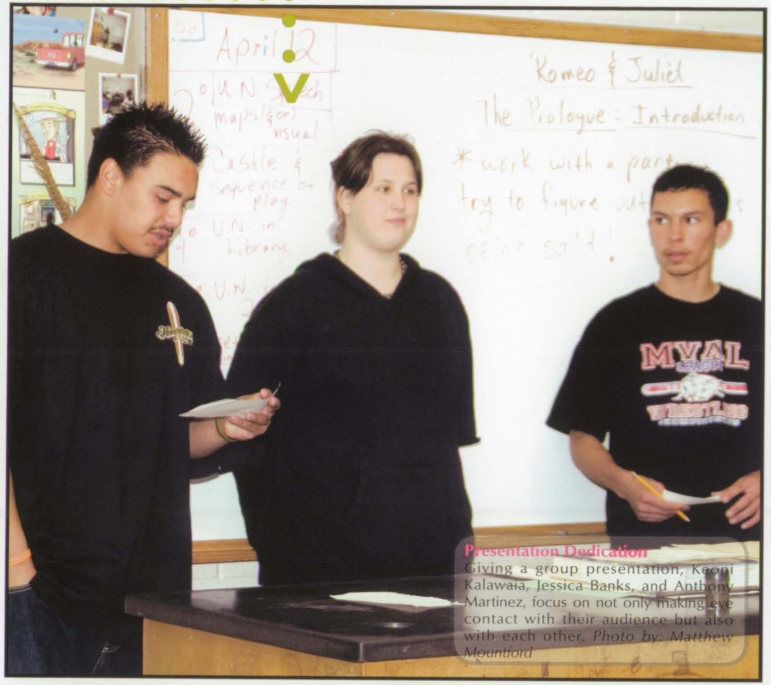
By Ameeta Chandra

Irvington SAGA had the privilege of interviewing a few students from the Academy. If your one of those people who think the Academy is all fun and games you are in for a big surprise. Not only does the academy have the same homework and projects, they have an extra class called Opportunity which is a service learning class.

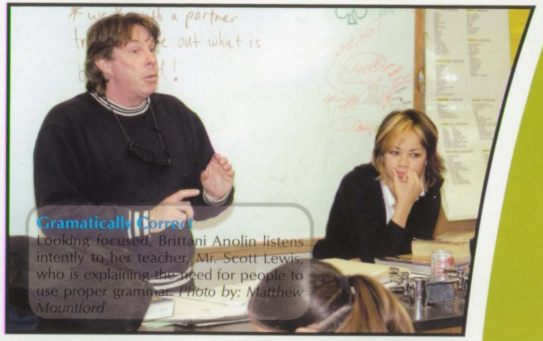
SAGA: What is the academy?
Reese Karrle: The Academy is a program that helps kids learn things more efficiently with less teachers and more one on one work.
Danielle Pope: The Academy is a program that takes in students are who failing junior high and need a fresh start in high school.
SAGA: How is the academy different from normal classes?
Reese Karrle: The academy is very one on one and everyone becomes a really big family.
Daniel Pope: You have a service learning class and we go on a lot of field trips to help us get our service hours.
SAGA: Has the Academy helped you?
Danielle Pope: The academy helped me stop failing my classes, the teachers are there to offer a lot of extra help.
SAGA: Why do you teach the Academy?
Mr. Scott Lewis: Somebody has to, just kidding. I teach the academy because I love seeing kids graduate who are considered high risk.
SAGA: Who is the funniest kid in your class?
Mr. Scott Lewis: I would have to say Victor Moreno.



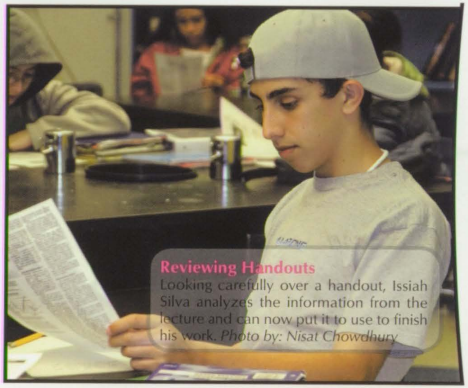
Fair Weather Feeling
Being inside isn't always the best learning environment so Academy students often take different routes. Posing dramatically, Megan Jimenez acts out a scene from Romeo and Juliett. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



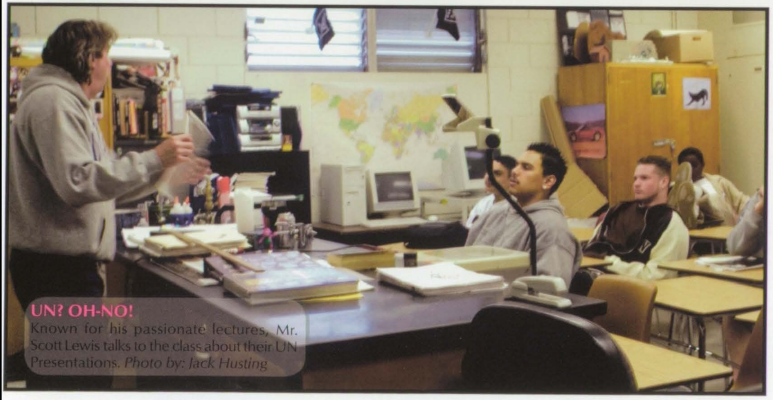
Presentation Dedication
Giving a group presentation, Kaoni Kalawaia, Jessica Banks, and Anthony Martinez, focus on not only making eye contact with their audience but also with each other. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*



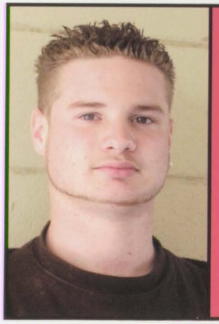
Gramatically Correct
Looking focused, Brittani Anolin listens intently to her teacher, Mr. Scott Lewis, who is explaining the need for people to use proper grammar. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*



Reviewing Handouts
Looking carefully over a handout, Issiah Silva analyzes the information from the lecture and can now put it to use to finish his work. *Photo by: Nisat Chowdhury*



UN? OH-NO!
Known for his passionate lectures, Mr. Scott Lewis talks to the class about their UN Presentations. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



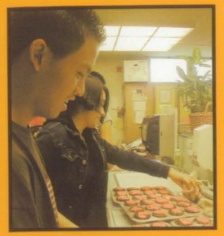
I like the Academy because it helped with my grades. You get to know your teachers really well, and everyone becomes a part of one big family.

Reese Karrle | 10

BUILDING BLOCKS

Often times in high school we find ourselves struggling or seemingly sinking in the maze of people and classes. Academy has created a way for many students to find their way through this maze and essentially succeed at a level they might not have reached otherwise. Sometimes it takes more than the help of parents and teachers, but also the help of fellow classmates. It is through cooperation that some of the most difficult problems can be solved. Working together is much like a pyramid. Everyone has to rely upon and help each other for the support needed to over come obstacles.

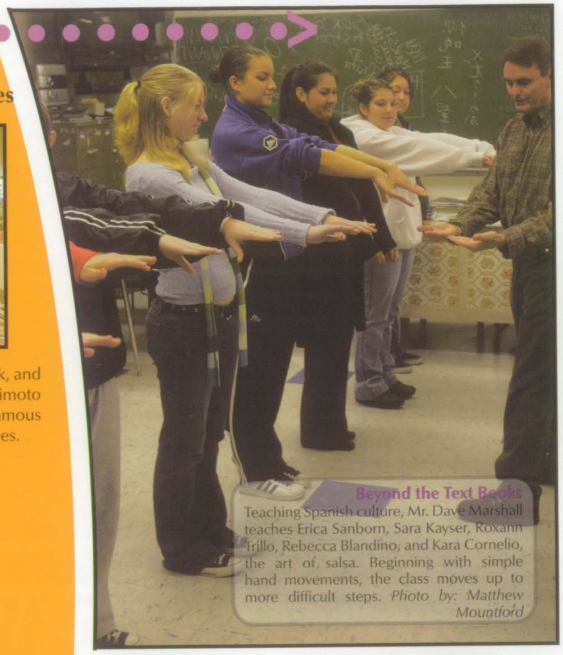
Chocolate Chip Cookies



When asked for a easy, quick, and fun recipe, Ms. Jackie Hashimoto immediately offered her famous chewy chocolate chip cookies.

Ingrediants:
2 1/4 cups flour, sifted
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
1 cup butter, softened
3/4 cup sugar
3/4 brown sugar, packed
1 tsp. vanilla
2 eggs
2 cups chocolate morsels
1 cup chopped nuts

Directions:
Preheat oven to 375 degrees
Combine in a mixing bowl the flour, baking soda, and salt.
In a larger mixing bowl, put the butter, sugar, brown sugar, and vanilla. Beat well until creamy.
Beat in eggs
Gradually mix in flour mixture
Mix well, then stir in chocolate. Drop by the teaspoonful onto greased baking sheet.
Bake for 8-10 minutes.



Beyond the Text Books
Teaching Spanish culture, Mr. Dave Marshall teaches Erica Sanborn, Sara Kayser, Roxann Trillo, Rebecca Blandino, and Kara Cornelio, the art of salsa. Beginning with simple hand movements, the class moves up to more difficult steps. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

Multiple Strands
Mardi Gras allowed for a celebration of French culture and was also an opportunity for the French Club to raise money. As Mayen Eshiett, Jasmine Huang, and Ashley Pangelinan sift through Mardi Gra beads, Ms. Fabienne Vardhan sells a necklace to Anum Chisty. *Photo by: Nisat Chowdhury*

"My most memorable moment was in Ms. Charlton's Spanish class. She gave me my first detention for eating a carrot."
Jack Husting | 12

Alberto Ballado
Spanish 1,2,3,4,5

Anne Marie Charlton
Spanish 1,2

Christina Faitel
French 1
World History

Jackie Hashimoto
Frosh Foods
Culinary Arts 1

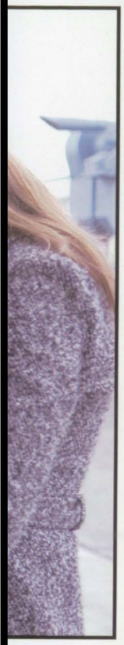
Molly Lawrence
Spansh 1,2

Dave Marshall
Spansh 3,4

Fabienne Vardhan
French 1/2/3/4/5/6

Debbie Yan
Mandarin 1/2/3/4/6

Just in Case
Exact measurements are crucial in sewing. Cheryl Anit and Rosemarie Quiniones, recieve help from Ms. Susan Paulsen. *Photo by: Thuy Le*



Vocabu-learning
Playing Casas y Castores, Mr. Alberto Ballado integrates fun games into the curriculum. Mr. Ballado manages several levels of Spanish in addition to being head of the Foreign Language Department.
Photo by: Matthew Joens

lost in translation

foreign language & home ec.

Speak around the world

By Nabiha Baseer

What happens when you're stranded in another country that doesn't speak English? Maybe your parents left you, for the weekend with nothing but flour, chocolate chips, and sugar. Perhaps, when you are bending down to tie your shoes you hear a loud ripping sound. What are you going to do? It's obvious. Ask for directions in their language, make cookies, and stitch your pants to be as good as new.

SAGA: Why did you decide to teach this class?
Vardhan: I'm a real French person and a minority. I felt lonely so I decided to create my own little kingdom with people who understand me.
Ballado: Spanish is my native language and I love teaching it.
Paulsen: I have a passion for what I teach and I feel I can relate to students. I always enjoyed doing activities, such as sewing quilts.
SAGA: What are some the of the activities you and your students partake in?
Vardhan: We play vocabulary card games, watch and discuss movies, present skits, learn songs, and go around the school singing Happy Birthday.
Hashimoto: I demonstrate a lot of diverse dishes, such as international cooking from A to Z, breads, pasta, pies, and many other recipes.
Yan: Not only do we focus on the language, but also culture, history, and making crafts.
SAGA: Where in real life will these skills come in handy?
Yan: Now days everything is global and has to do with communications. Mandarin will help my students in the future and they will be able to communicate with various kinds people.
Marshall: Spanish has several practical uses, especially in California. They gain academic advantages as well as appreciation for the culture surrounding them.

Crunches and Carrots

physical education and health

Fit for a king

By Joviana Carrillo

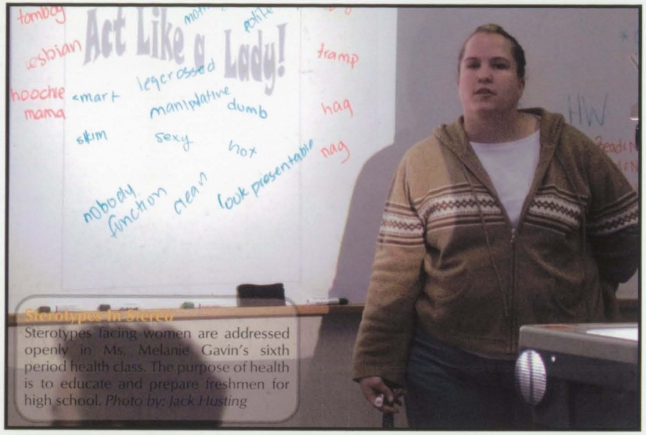
No other teachers on campus get to go outside and participate in sports and good old exercises. We met with Mr. Sinnot to really get inside the mind of a PE veteran.

SAGA: Why do you teach PE?
Sinnot: Back in high school I liked to keep fit. So, what better than to keep the youth of America fit as well as mentally stable?
SAGA: What is the best part of your job?
Sinnot: I get to associate with the youth of today (and future of tomorrow). Also, I get to stay outside because I hate the inside.
SAGA: What is the most beneficial thing about PE?
Sinnot: Whether students know it of not, it is good for them. I hate to see someone with a sound mind in a weak body and live to be 35. It would be a waste of a mind.

The first year of high school we're initiated by a single class, health. One of the more street smarts oriented classes on campus, we asked Ms. Stacy Wallace to answer a few questions.

SAGA: Why is health essential to incoming freshmen?
Wallace: Because we teach them decision making skills, about drug prevention, about STDs, nutrition, and basically teach them to live a healthy life.
SAGA: What is the weirdest health question you've ever been asked?
Wallace: "Can you smoke raisins?"
SAGA: What was health class like when you went to school?
Wallace: It was a six week class taught by the oldest teacher on campus. STDs like HIV weren't even mentioned then.
SAGA: What's the one thing you want your students to walk away knowing?
Wallace: How to keep themselves safe.

Lapping Up the Scenery
Enjoying the scenery of Irvington's large fields is one of the many perks to running around the basketball courts. Quianna Thompson and Marie Banuellos enjoy the view and each others company during their run. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



Stereotypes Incited
Sterotypes facing women are addressed openly in Ms. Melanie Gavin's sixth period health class. The purpose of health is to educate and prepare freshmen for high school. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

A DOCEY DOE

FreshmenP.E. is commemorated by a few special events: running your first Buum, being introduced to the horror that is ultimate frisbee, and square dancing. The prospect of dancing in front of your peers is somewhat terrifying, more than jumping out of a plane but less than wrestling a feral pig. "At first, I wasn't really excited. I thought it was going to suck so bad. But now that it's over I'm kind of sad," said freshman Dale Lai. Dale and other freshmen are herded into the gym like cows but unlike bovine are taught moves such as the promenade and the docey doe. More than the moves, other's traumatic exploits are remembered, "There was a pair that the girl was really tall and the guy was really short and the guy had to twirl her so she had to bend over so he could," explained freshman Tammy Lee. Even after one has graduated from freshmen status, the embarassing moments still linger in the back of the mind. "I remember one of my partners smelled funny and we would trip all over each other," recollects sophomore Albert Luong. The point is is, that if you ever have to offer an eighth grader advice on class schedules, suggest zero period. No dance experience required.

You Just Got Disced
After exerting himself for a good five minutes, a PE student finally catches the frisbee, giving a dramatic ending to an epic Ultimate Frisbee game. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

I Can Do Anything Better Than You
Even after five periods of class, Mr. Nels Larsen still has energy left to block a shot by one of his students. He spends hours outside school playing basketball. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Jeff Fern
PE 9/10

Nels Larsen
PE 10
Weight Training

Kim Martin
PE 9
Volleyball/Indoor Soccer

Otani Marlisse
PE 9

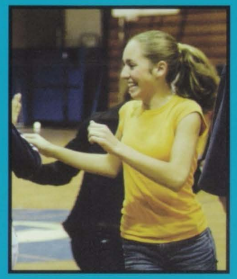
Bill Sinnott
PE 10

Steve Strout
PE 10
Weight Training

Melanie Gavin
Beginning Health

Stacey Tisor-Wallace
Health
Physical Science

Preeti Shekar


Sarah Bass

Angela Gile & Matthew Ellenbogen

Marissa Peters & Evan Miller

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the cutting Edge

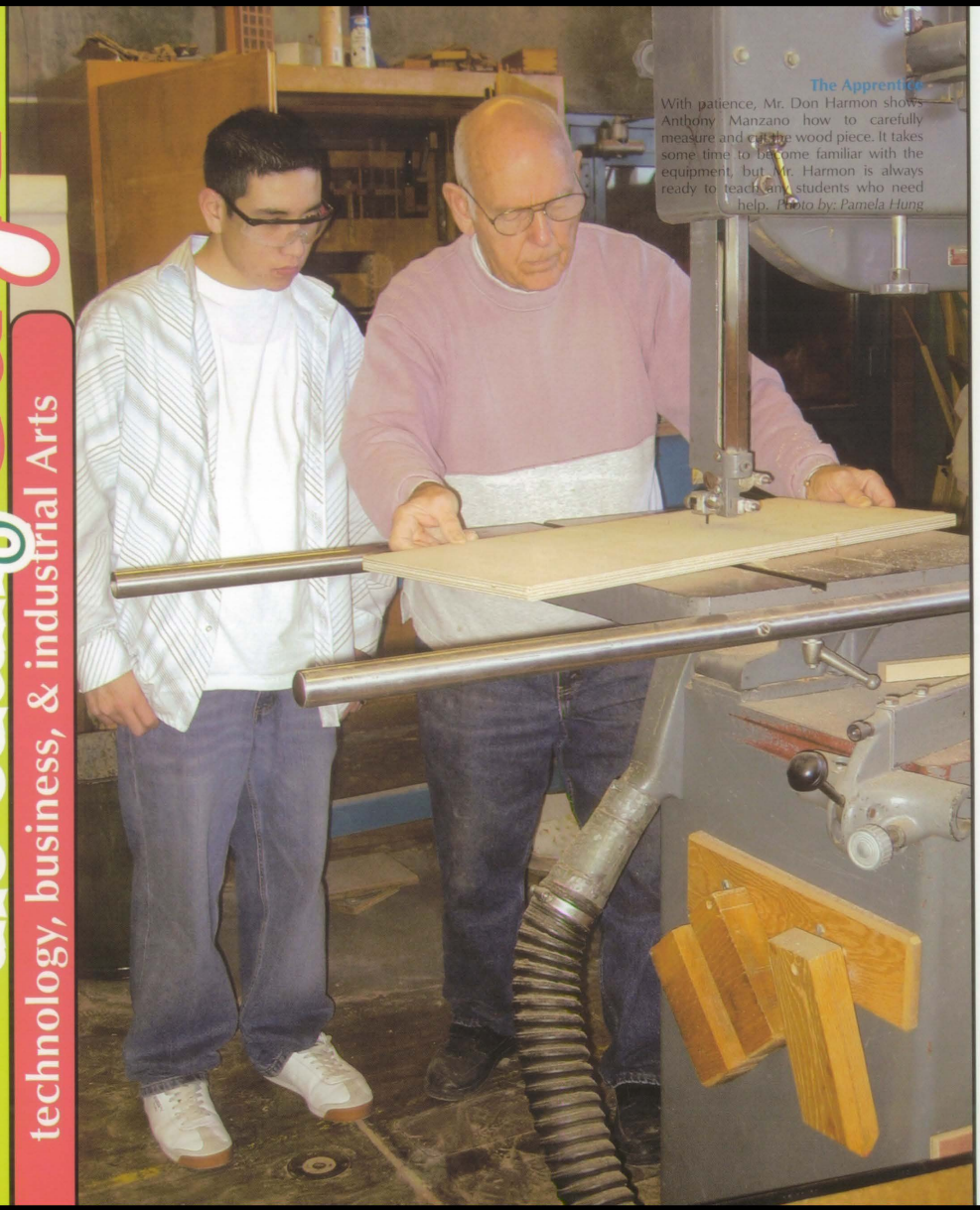
technology, business, & industrial Arts

In the Age of Machines
By Thuy-Nhu Le

Game Boys, cell phones and iPods, ask anyone on campus and they would likely be able to operate any of these machines. But ask them how to use a drill press, and a blank stare would be likely be given along with a shrug of the shoulders. This is one of the reasons why Mr. Harmon, although retired in 1993, continues to teach woodshop, saying, "This is the only industrial arts class left on campus. It's a hands-on experience and builds self esteem because they learn how to build something with their own hands."

Students not only learn how to use the scroll saw and the lathe, but they use their skills to create projects that give to "a different thinking I see in their eyes," says Mr. Harmon. Some of the projects they create are tables, cutting boards and toy cars that are donated to children during Christmas. This is one of the most rewarding projects, with Michael Jew saying, "It's really cool knowing that what I'm making is being donate to kids during Christmas, and especially how it brings a smile to their faces."

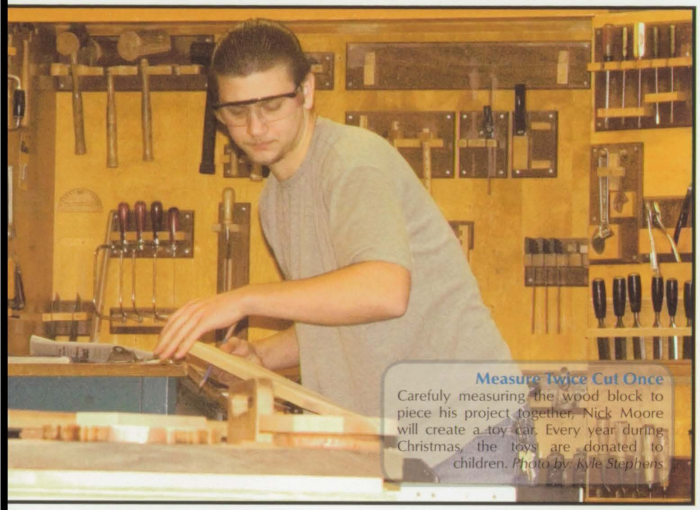
In technology classes, students continue to learn more skills. For instance, in Word Processing and Computer Applications, students learn how to type quicker, allowing them to be more efficient in typing reports, essays and so on. Clearly, both classes that use old and new machines can go together, hand in hand because they have one thing in common- allowing students to develop a broad variety of skills that can be applied to different things they choose to do.



The Apprentice
With patience, Mr. Don Harmon shows Anthony Manzano how to carefully measure and cut the wood piece. It takes some time to become familiar with the equipment, but Mr. Harmon is always ready to teach any students who need help. *Photo by: Pamela Hung*

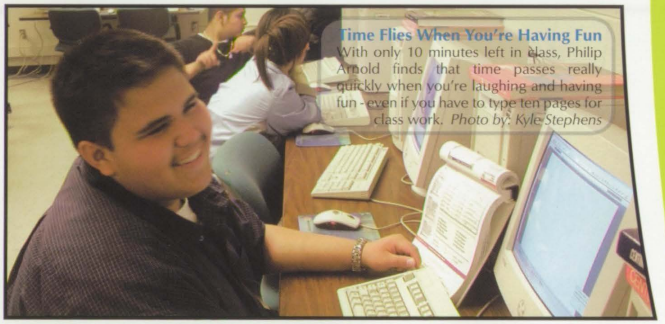
HANDsome Art

Each year, Mr. Don Harmon and his class create projects such as small chairs, wooden tables, and cutting boards, with beautiful designs. All projects are done with care, each piece carefully measured and cut. Toy cars are also made every year around Christmas, which are donated to the Tri City Volunteer center and given to children. "I feel good doing these projects. It's nice knowing I made something for others. Especially little kids," says Michael Jew. The projects are not just wooden objects, but represent the creativity and the care students put into making them. They are appreciated by many people: students, teachers, and children, alike.



Measure Twice Cut Once
Carefully measuring the wood block to piece his project together, Nick Moore will create a toy car. Every year during Christmas, the toys are donated to children. *Photo by: Kyle Stephens*

The Real McCord
In a maze of computer wires, Ms. Marilyn Heestand helps Deny Chen find his way through the jumbled cords. *Photo by: Thuy-Nhu Le*



Time Flies When You're Having Fun
With only 10 minutes left in class, Philip Arnold finds that time passes really quickly when you're laughing and having fun - even if you have to type ten pages for class work. *Photo by: Kyle Stephens*

Don Harmon
Woodshop 1,2,3

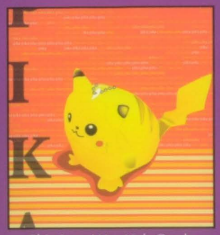
Marilyn Heestand
Computer Processing
Word Processing
Intro to business

Cathy Ash
Library/Research
Info Literacy

Elba Rios
Web Tech

PIXELED CREATIONS

Every year, Ms. Rios's classes create digital images for numerous projects, ranging from posters for Irvington's plays, still life, logos, cartoon characters from Pokemon or Monsters Inc., and beautiful landscape pictures. Students always enjoy projects like these, where their artistic skills are increased and new ones are learned, which is described my Ms. Rios as, "it's always a joy to teach students these skills every day. The joy I get is from teaching, and seeing the products that result from my classes."



Chia-Jung Wu- 12th Grade

Timothy Camara- 12th Grade

Rick Chiu- 12th Grade

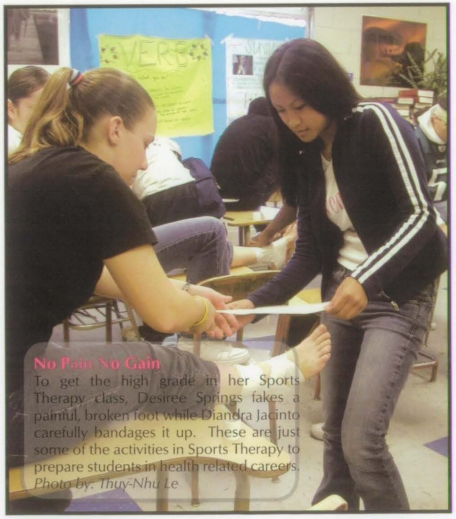
Tzu-Ti Huang- 10th Grade

Get Your Cookies Here
During lunch, Po-Lam Lui asks students what cookies they want while Ha Ly quickly places the selected cookies into the bag. This is a weekly activity students from Deca are involved in to improve their marketing skills. *Photo by: Thuy-Nhu Le*

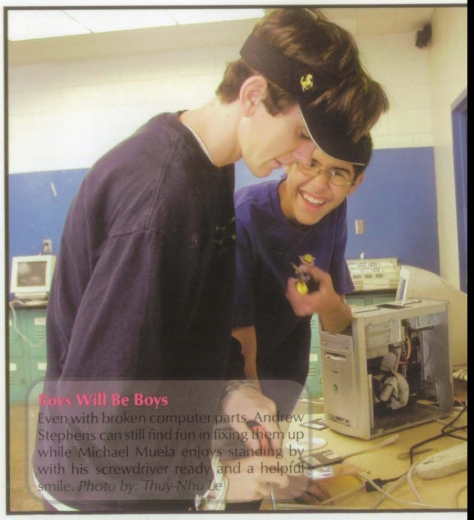
Romy Shivers
Merchandising
Marketing

Gordon Sanford
Forensics Science

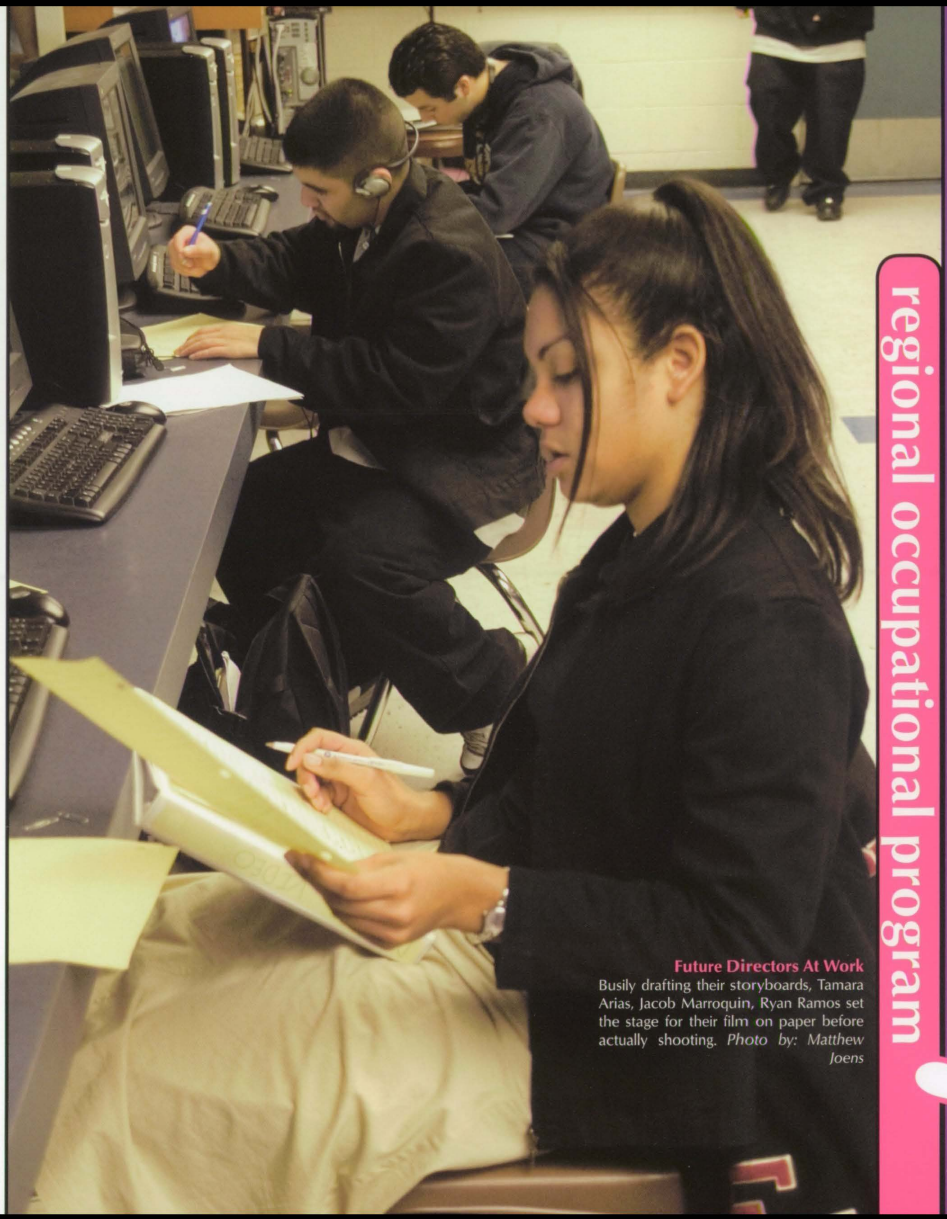
Dennis Smith
Computer Repair



No Pain No Gain
To get the high grade in her Sports Therapy class, Desiree Springs fakes a painful, broken foot while Diandra Jacinto carefully bandages it up. These are just some of the activities in Sports Therapy to prepare students in health related careers. *Photo by: Thuy-Nhu Le*



Boys Will Be Boys
Even with broken computer parts, Andrew Stephens can still find fun in fixing them up while Michael Muela enjoys standing by with his screwdriver ready and a helpful smile. *Photo by: Thuy-Nhu Le*



Future Directors At Work
Busily drafting their storyboards, Tamara Arias, Jacob Marroquin, Ryan Ramos set the stage for their film on paper before actually shooting. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*

hands On Learning

regional occupational program

Success really does start here

By Thuy-Nhu Le

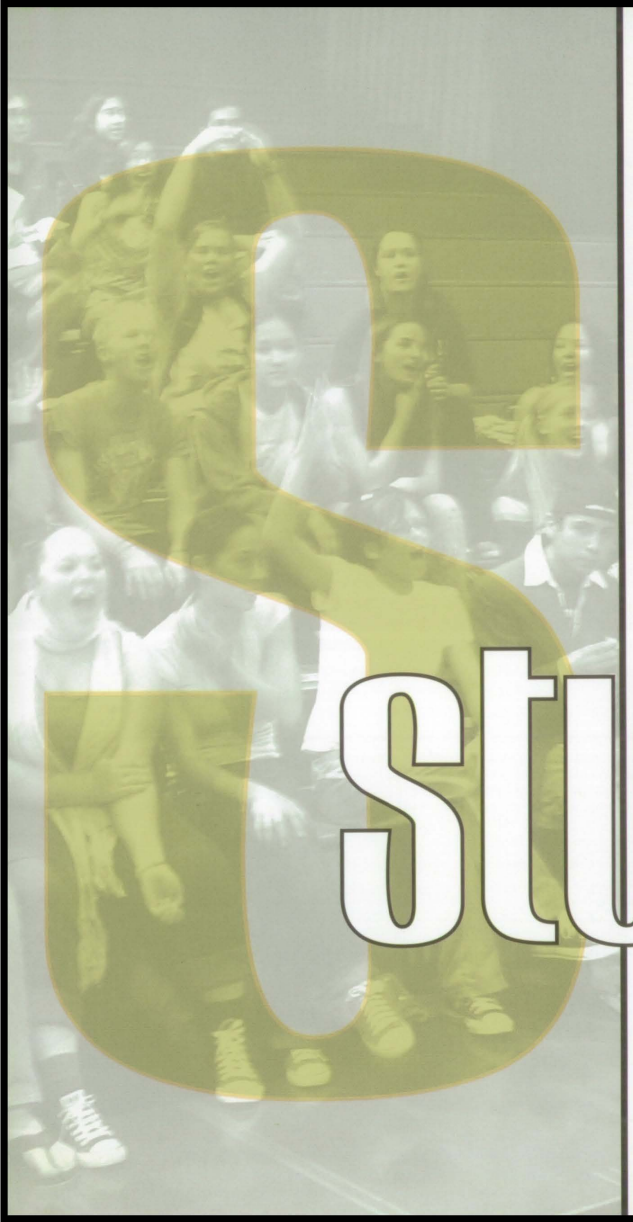
R.O.P is the only program that offers classes where students can work at a crime scene, fix computers, create digital graphics, and learn how to make money, or heal physical injuries. It's now surprise this program is popular because not only are the classes appealing and different in many aspects, but students develop skills that could be applied outside of school. Just ask the students involved in R.O.P and most have positive comments and experiences that continue to add to the growing interest new students develop every year towards this program.

"Sports therapy is awesome. You learn how to bandage injuries, and learn how to assess them. Everyone gets hurt in sports you know? It's nice knowing that I fix those injuries, or at least, know what to do in certain situations." Erika Ureno | 11

"In digital graphics and video, students gain skills that can be applied to business careers, marketing strategies, design fundamentals, and tools that will be applicable to any discipline they become involved in. Not only are the skills involved in business and technology, but students become artists also." Ms. Elba Rios | Staff

"Forensic science is really fun and definitely interesting. We learn how people commit and get away with crimes. We do fingerprinting, and learn how to college evidence at a crime scene, like hair samples and footprints." Melissa Metcalf | 12

R.O.P's slogan is "Success starts here," which is not surprising considering the numerous skills it allows students to develop. The artistic, technical, scientific or mathematical skills can be used to help no only themselves but others, which is in itself no less than success.



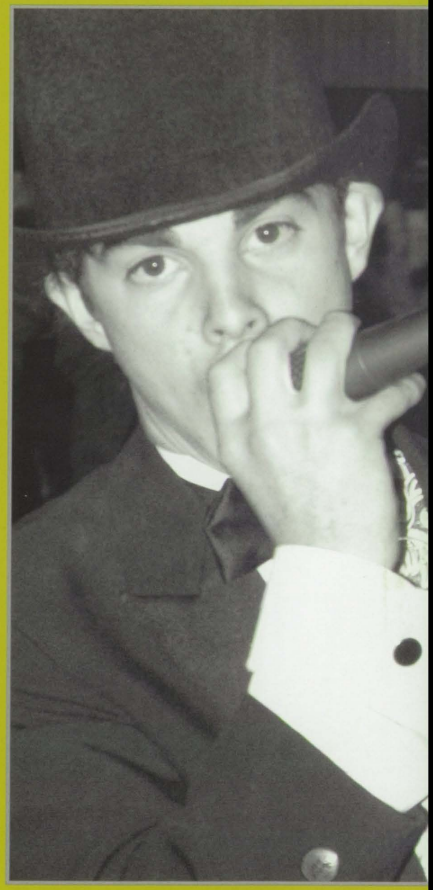
students

pride

hoi polloi

energy

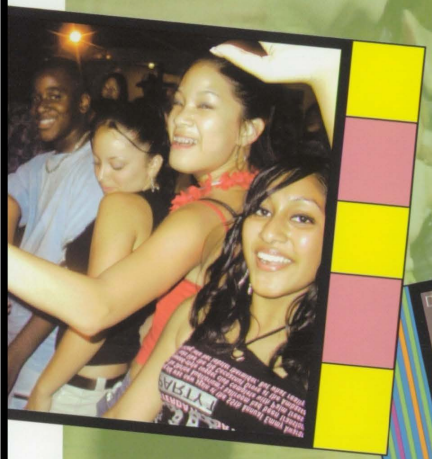
Most of the people in our class are the ones that we have all grown up with. Some of them have become the best leaders, athletes, and geniuses on campus, but regardless of who we are as individuals, everyone is tied together in a complex network, making us the neural system of theschool. Because in the midst of all the school work and events [illegible] occur at school, [illegible] is one [illegible] have [illegible] for [illegible] ar [illegible] r [illegible] is dri [illegible] sch [illegible] etiv [illegible] nc [illegible] ile [illegible] eop [illegible] y t [illegible] oo [illegible] is [illegible] pir [illegible] ek, [illegible] ompe [illegible] we all maintain our Viking Spirit, which is continuous throughout high school. So if anyone asks you "What makes a school like Irvington great? " say it is the fish sticks

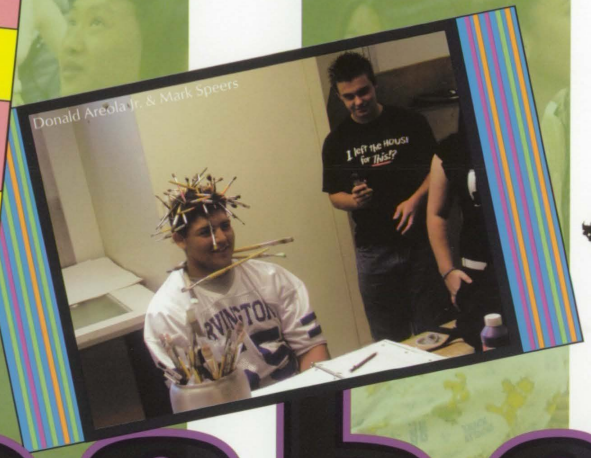


Paul You, Jennifer Wang, Grace Choe, Melissa Bass & Nicole Burgess

Nabiha Azim, Amanda Nguyen, Christina Roberts & Joseph Smith

Lewis Braxton, Frances Akui-Asperilla & Michael Kayser





Class of 08

freshmen

class of 2008

Stanley Abanto
Ariel Aboytes
Nate Adamson
Tiffany Adamson
Jamis Agnes
Madhav Agrawal
Shanazz Ahmad
Frances Akui-Asperilla
Samantha Albanese
Jonathan Albers
Krizia Aldana

Alexandra Alvarado
Martha Alvarado
Arroj Amin
Kyle Anderson
Spencer Andrews
Amena Anjum
Marc Arias-Morales
Donald Arriola, Jr.
Keegan Aspelund
Nabihah Azim
Ai Baba

Courtney Baca
Jonathan Bailey
Patrick Ballard
Hannah Bambrough
Shabnam Banankhah
Aaron Banner
Jessica Banuelos
Amanda Barnes
Joanna Barrios
Daniel Barrs
Nabiha Baseer

Melissa Bass
Sarah Bass
Jaswant Bassi
Steven Baugher
Gisella Benoit
Michael Bernstein
Maria Bichinskaya
Dominic Bie
Shritee Birla
Renee Blas
David Blondin

Brianna Bobbitt
Maia Bonner
Edmund Bowker
Jennifer Bradley
Lewis Braxton
Brittany Bronsord
Jessica Brooks
Brittany Brotherton
Ariel Brown
Jason Brown
Susanna Buckley

Tuong Bui VI
Jazzmine Burch
Nicole Burgess
Mathew Burri
Zachary Bush
Jocelyn Calles
Reena Calo
Jesus Cancino
Eliseo Canete
Felix Carcido
Daniel Cardenas

David Cardoza
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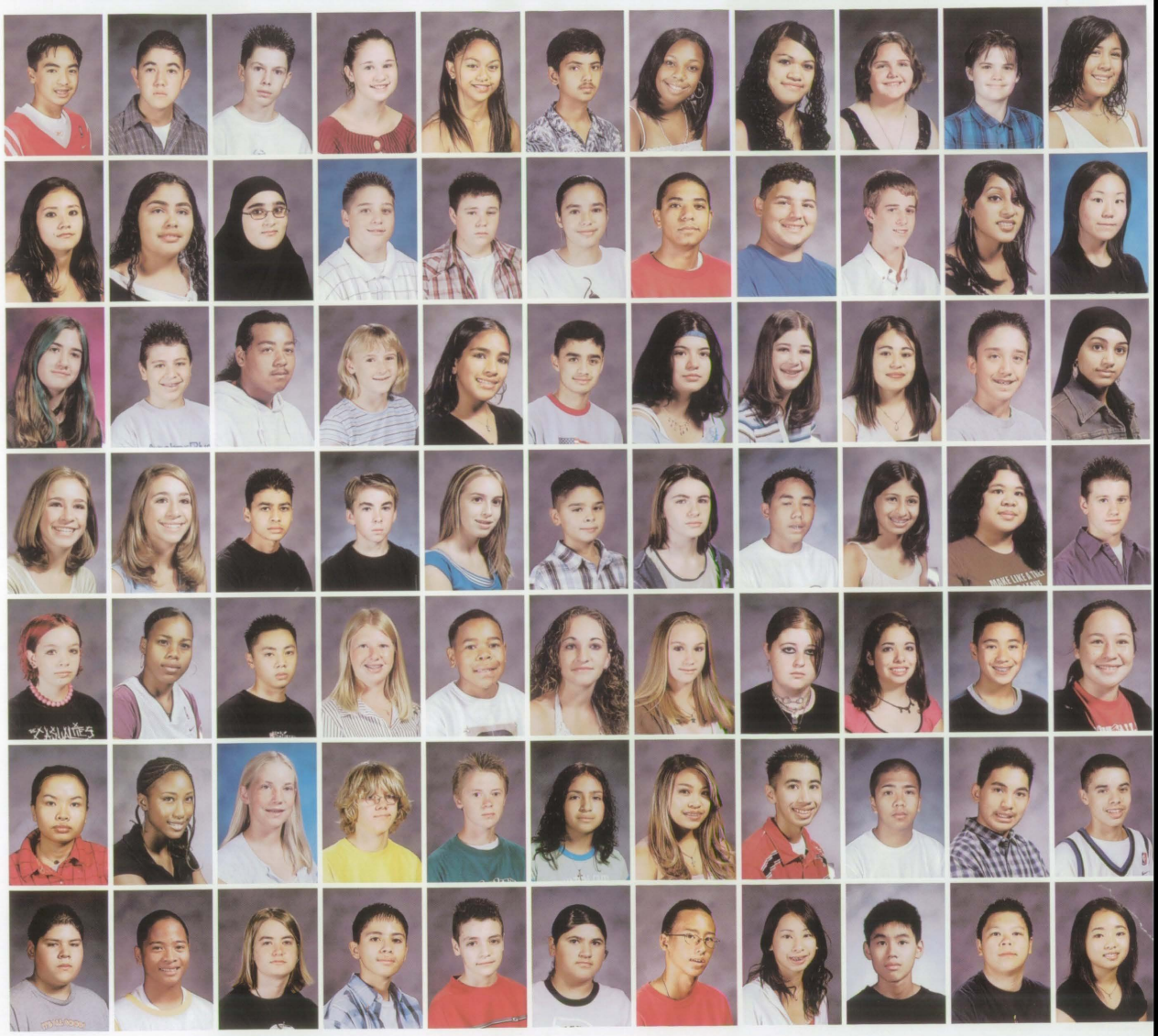


The Fairy Patrol

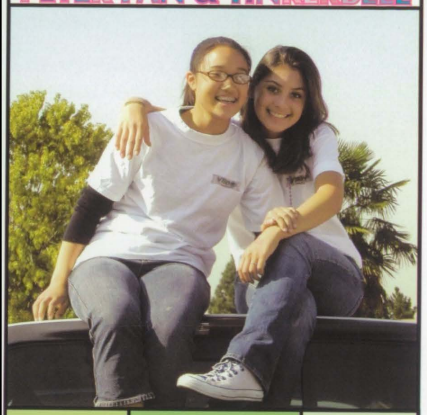
It takes more than one tinkerbell for the job

By Eric Chen

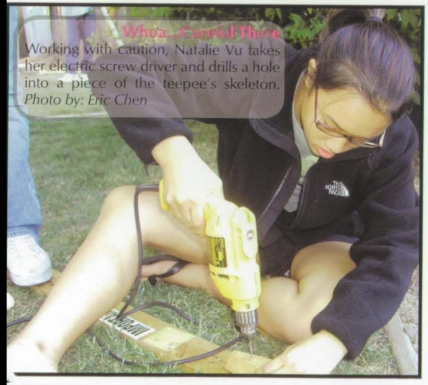
Brianna Santo is president. Natalie Vu is vice president. Okay, enough with the obvious! How much do we really know about the freshmen class officers? Do we know how much time they put into their work? What their favorite color is? What extra curricular activities they're in? To find out all this and much more, SAGA investigated...

SAGA: Why do you love the class of 2008?
Brianna: We're the most spirited and much louder than all the other classes!
Natalie: We are the one and only class of 2008.
SAGA: Why did you choose Peter Pan as your Spirit Week Theme?
Natalie: I like Tinker Bell and I thought it would be nice to have a pirate theme.
Brianna: Because the juniors took Alice in Wonderland! Hmph!
SAGA: What is the most difficult aspect of your job as officers?
Brianna: Planning Spirit Week.
Natalie: Organization.
SAGA: What is your favorite aspect of ASB?
Natalie: Working with the most spirited people in the school.
Brianna: The jackets! Oh and getting out of class early...

PETER PAN & TINKERBELL

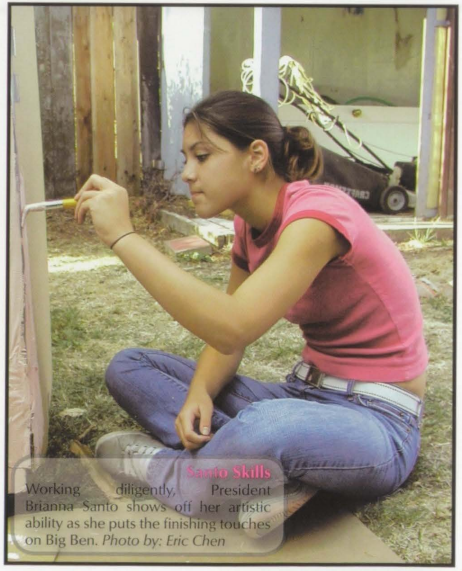


Natalie	Natalie or Brianna	Brianna
Lime Green	Lime Green or Hot Pink	Hot Pink
Cliff Diving	Cliff Diving or Sky Diving	Sky Diving
Dance	Dance or Soccer	Soccer
Hawaii	Hawaii or Australia	Australia



Whoa...Carried There
Working with caution, Natalie Vu takes her electric screw driver and drills a hole into a piece of the teepee's skeleton. *Photo by: Eric Chen*

Get a Clue Freshman!
Looking clueless, Curtis Lee stares at Brianna Santo as she attempts for the sixth time to explain the plans for benchbuilding. *Photo by: Eric Chen*



Santo Skills
Working diligently, President Brianna Santo shows off her artistic ability as she puts the finishing touches on Big Ben. *Photo by: Eric Chen*

Jessica Chang
Alice Chao
Emmanuel Chao
Bikram Chaudhary
Jessica Chavarin
Bob Chen

Deny Chen
Eric Chen
Jaclyn Chen
Sharene Chen
Christoph Cheng
Travis Cheng

Yeu-Hsien Cheng
Chad Cheskiewicz
Joshua Chestnut
Asad Chishty
Scott Chng
Grace Choe

Alexander Choi
Esther Choi
Grace Chong
Samuel Choo
Kelvin Chu
Kevin Chu

Eriberto Cisneros
Avery Corothers
Daniel Dadzie
Emmanuel Dadzie
Sean Dahl
Tigran Darbinyan

Andrea Davies
Cleophus Davis
Morris Davis
Kiran Deen
James Deibert
Meghan Delgadillo

Teresa Deluz
Jessica Demarta
Aimee Denne
Seema Desai
Jessica Dias
Richard Diaz

What's So Funny? Listening to what vice president Natalie Vu has to say, president Brianna Santo and council members Shefali Dujari, Jason Brown, Caitlin Powell, Shalika Gupta, Meeka Gandhi, and Seema Desai all sit around smiling. *Photo by: Eric Chen*

Freshmen Council

Top Row: Meeka Gandhi, Shefali Dujari, Natalie Vu, Jennifer Wang, Paul You, Shalika Gupta **Middle Row:** Eric Chen, Caitlin Powell, Jason Brown **Bottom Row:** Michelle Morrissey and Brianna Santo

Spirit Team

Freshmen Council ends strong despite lack of experience

By Nabiha Baseer

They're spirited, enthusiastic, and the talk of the town; give it up for the Freshmen Class Council. Through out the year, they dedicated their time and effort to helping the freshmen adjust to high school, raise money, and organize lively events. This may have been their first year, but the council members did a spectacular job.

SAGA: How does it feel to be working on Student Council and being able to serve your school?
Shefali Dujari: I like being able to play an active role in school. It feels like I have accomplished something and I'm glad to have this opportunity to be part of this council, hang out with my friends, and change the school.
SAGA: What do you like most about your job?
Jennifer Wang: Being able to meet new people and getting the chance to know them is really cool. I think that by working together with other people we can bring our freshmen community together.
SAGA: How does this experience benefit you?
Michelle Morrissey: I feel that Student Council is good in building character and can benefit you by giving you experience. I will always remember everyone for the rest of my life.
SAGA: Why did you choose to join the council?
Jason Brown: It sounded like a good opportunity to get involved, make a difference, and just have fun.
SAGA: Have you had any past experiences that have made you want to take this position?
Caitlin Powell: I used to be in Girl Scouts and I always liked planning activities and fund raisers. When I came to Irvington, I wanted to help the freshmen class and make a difference.

Lost in Thought
Considering where to place the rocks, Caitlin Powell looks around the pool during the bench set up. It's important for all council members to help set up the bench. *Photo by: Eric Chen*

Rylee Dil
Jowan Dillard
Nhu Dinh
Devenere Dodson
Matthew Doherty

Olga Drobot
Christopher Droste
Shefali Dujari
Melissa Duncan
Connie Duong

Daniel Duran
Charli Eddings
Omar Eldesouky
Matthew Ellenbogen
Sarah Engley

Natalie Espinosa
Ghezal Faizy
Tracy Farmer
Ashley Fernandes
Michele Ferrallo

Shiantel Fields
Jessica Flores
Jose Flores-Dalby
Joseph Florez
Jessica Flors

Amy Frost
Mark Gailey
Daniel Galloway
Mayra Gamboa
Meeka Gandhi

Christoph Garcia
Daniel Garcia
Kathryn Garvin
Man-Chi Gau
Duaa Gettani

Just Believe...

With a little fairy dust

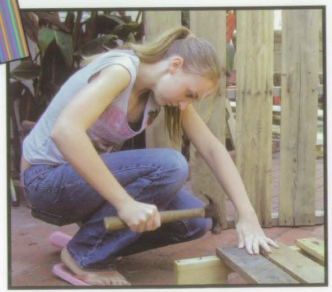
By Eric Chen

Throughout the weeks of benchbuilding, Brianna Santo and Natalie Vu kept a folder of things that needed to get done. From doodles to script writings the folder had just about all the information needed to build the freshmen bench. SAGA looked into the folder and found a checklist of things to do.

- [x] Big Ben
- [x] Pirate Ship
- [x] Lost Boy's Hut
- [x] Teepee
- [x] Darling Children's beds
- [x] Bedroom Background
- [x] Mermaid Lagoon
- [x] Rocks
- [x] Treasure Chest
- [x] Moving Captain Hook
- [x] Doghouse
- [x] Sign Posts
- [x] Fire pit

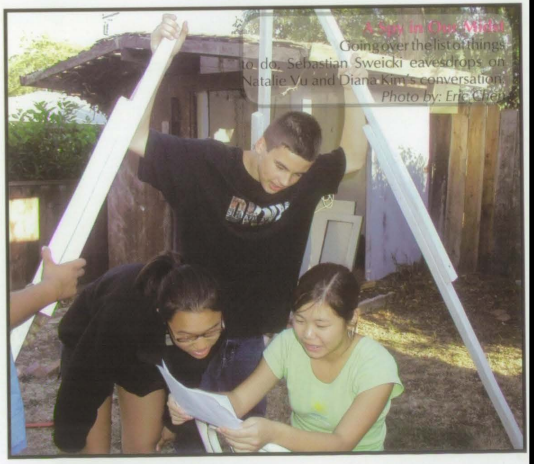
Caution: Beware of Danger
Pausing to watch, Daniel Galloway warns Arjun Mehta to be extremely careful. Arjun continues regardless of the warning. *Photo by: Eric Chen*

See-Saw
Sahil Jain saws through the seemingly unbreakable wood. Sebsastian Swiecki assists in the task with little success. *Photo by: Eric Chen*



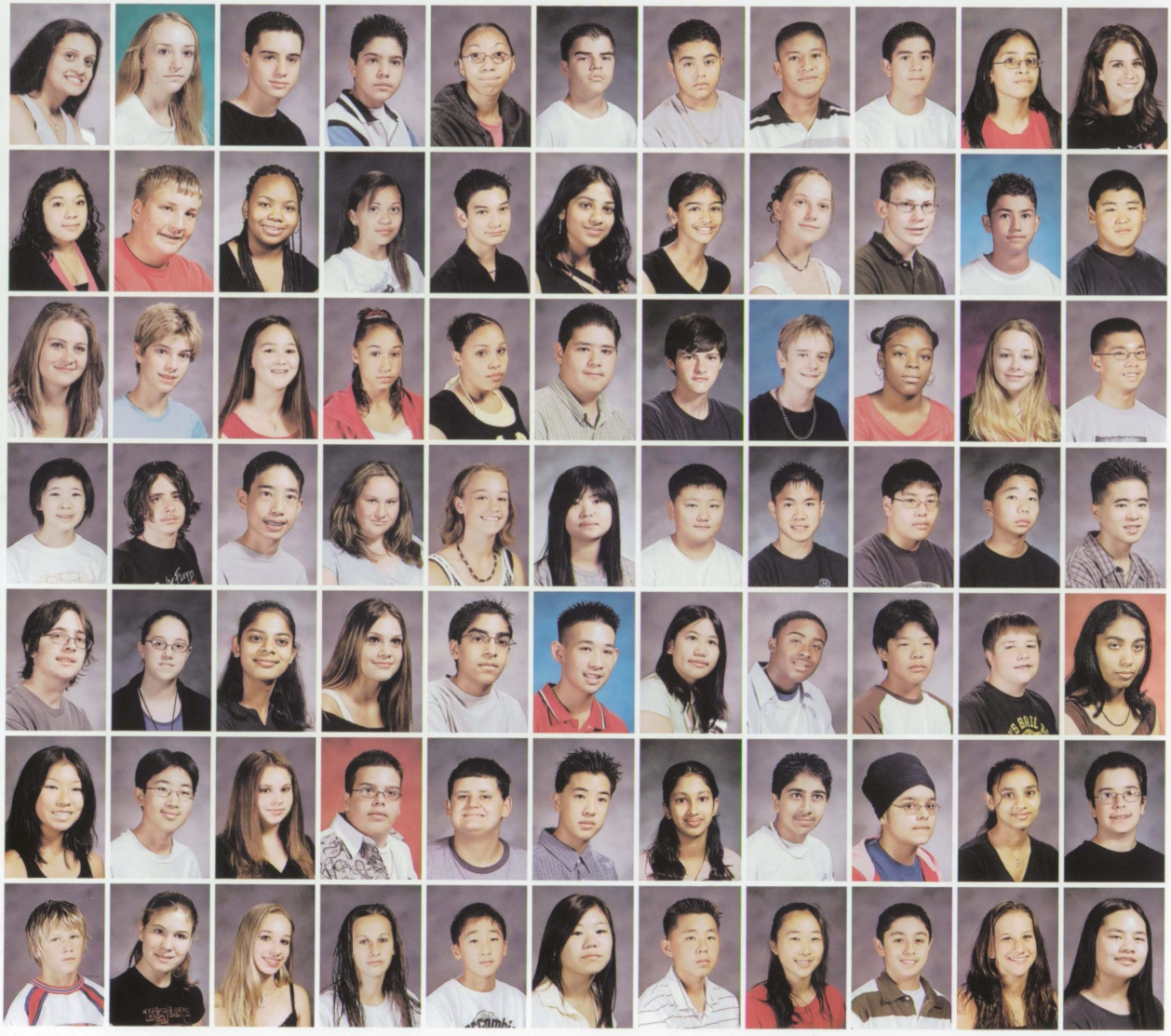
If I Had a Hammer....
Frustrated, Angela Gile hammers down the nail repeatedly. The task requires concentration in order to avoid hitting one's own fingers.*Photo by: Eric Chen*

Tape it on
Scratching his nose, Arjun Mehta advises Shefali Dubey and Angela Gile on how long the piece of duct tape should be. *Photo by: Eric Chen*



A Spy in Our Midst
Going over the list of things to do, Sebastian Swiecki eavesdrops on Natalie Vu and Diana Kim's conversation. *Photo by: Eric Chen*

> "I enjoyed the chance of being able to work with my peers. The best part of benchbuilding was actually setting up and seeing the final result as the freshmen claimed second place."
>
> Sahil Jain | 09



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Second Star to the Right

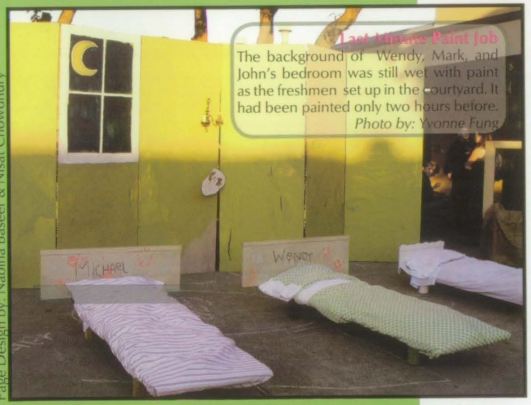
... and straight on 'til morning!

By Nabiha Baseer

Flying to Neverland means never growing up. It means forgetting all of your worries and never having to think about grown up things ever again! Contrary to Peter Pan, becoming a freshman means starting to think about the future and growing up.

This year's freshmen theme for bench was Peter Pan and walking into the courtyard actually felt like you were in one of Peter Pan's thrilling adventures. It wasn't short of spectacular. At one side of the courtyard was Wendy, Mark, and John's bedroom. Nana was in her dog house, and building blocks had 08' Vikings adorned on them.

Freshmen always had the disadvantage when it came to bench, but '08 felt prepared for the challenge. Though many protested to arriving at the courtyard so early, when the first bell rang and they rubbed their eyes, they couldn't believe Peter was right: straight on 'til morning does take you to Neverland.



Last Minute Paint Job
The background of Wendy, Mark, and John's bedroom was still wet with paint as the freshmen set up in the courtyard. It had been painted only two hours before.
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T.V Party Tonight
Lugging frames of wood isn't easy early in the morning but Emily Loh is up for the task. The wood will eventually be built into a T.V. *Photo by: Dale Lai*

Long John Sliver?
Placing Captain Hook's ship in the courtyard was a debate among the freshmen. The ship was made of huge pieces of wood so every move was a tedious one. *Photo by: Yvonne Fung*

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Eric Luong

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Steven Maldonado
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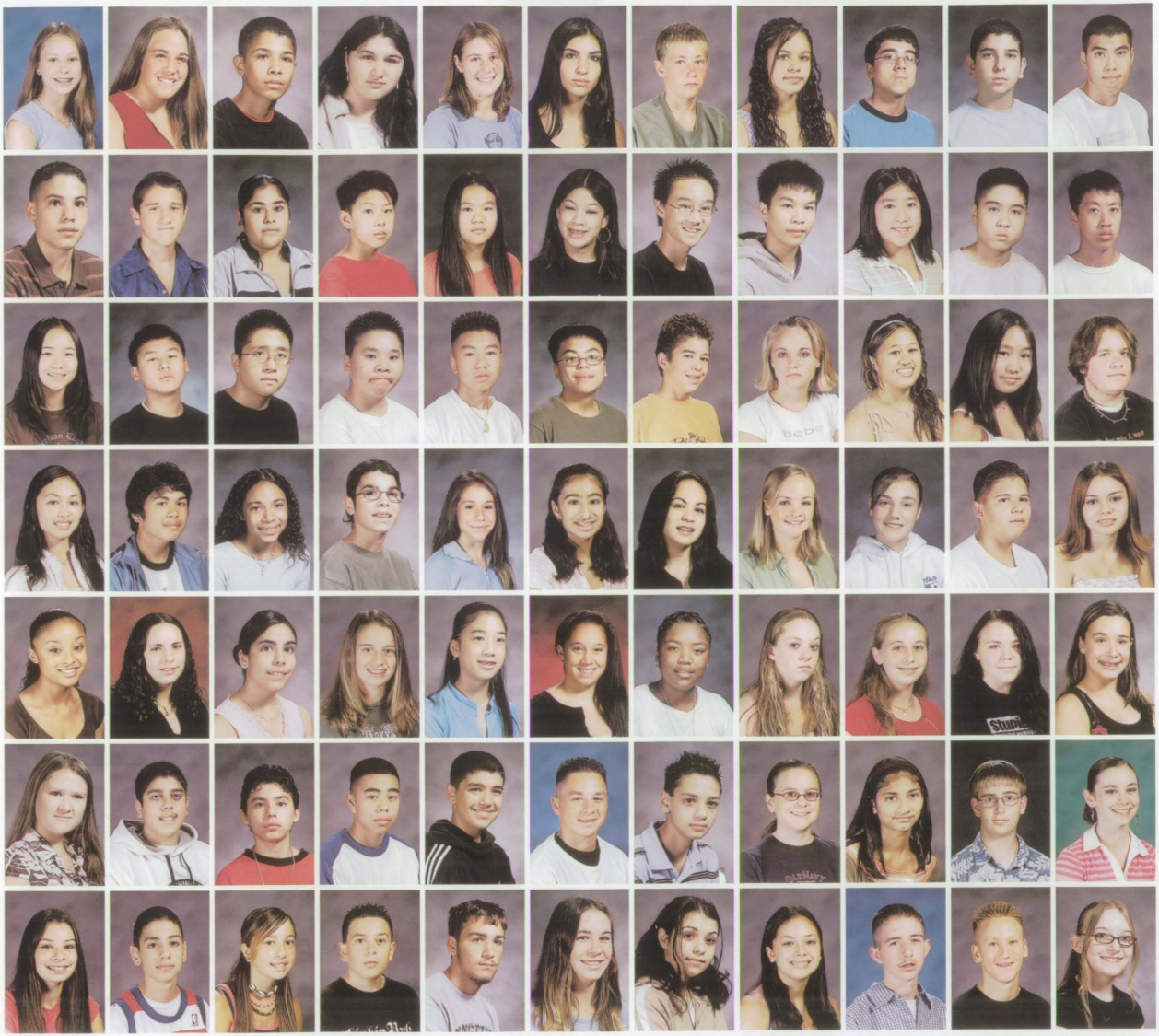
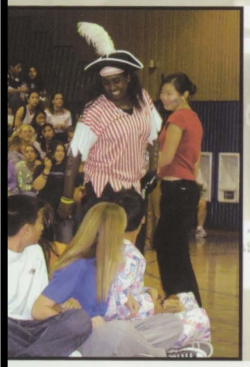




Yo ho! yo ho! A freshman's life for me

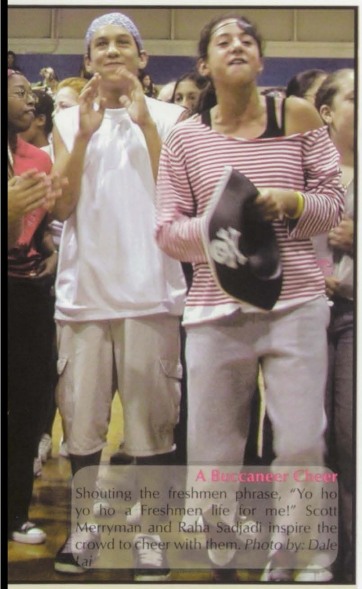
Freshmen wow crowd and sweep second place By Eric Chen

On the Wednesday of Spirit Week over forty freshmen eagerly overflowed Mr. Pearce's room during advisory.

With thirty original students in the classroom, the whole room was packed and in a hectic state. After everyone got organized and had the routine down, the students lined up opposite of each other as Peter Pan and Captain Hook started the practice round. The bell rang the freshmen had only one thing in mind: to get it right.

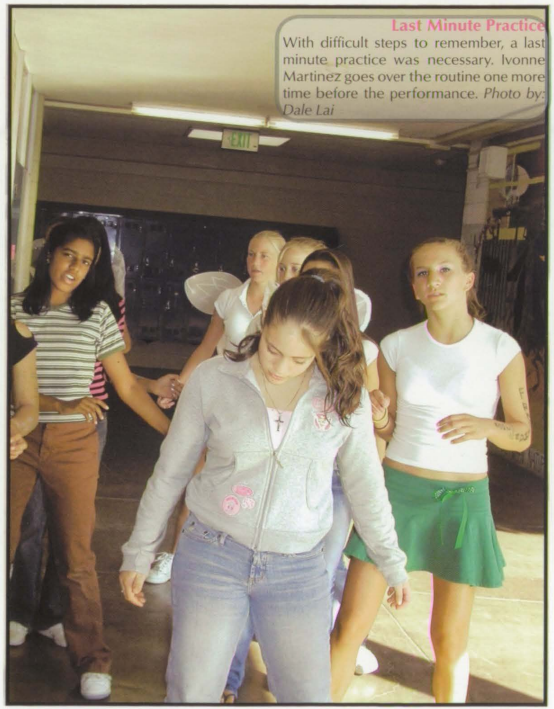
Tied up in the center of the gym, the Lost Boys and the Darling children: John, Michael, and Wendy were surrounded by Captain Hook and his crew. As Peter Pan resided on the freshmen side of the gym, Captain hook tried to lure him out with a trap. After what seemed like hours, the frustrated captain ordered his men to force Wendy to jump off the plank. The pirates counted down...5,4,3,2,1-Peter Pan swooped down and caught Wendy, followed by roaring applause. As Peter Pan safely let Wendy down, Tinker Bell untied the captured children...the pirates and the children scrambled into place, and the fight began...

Peter Pan and Captain Hook duked it out in the center of the gym as the song "Anxiety" kicked in. Facing each other they threw punches across, some missing and some hitting. As they walked back, the pirates and children formed a circle allowing room for Ryan Ichikawa and Emily Loh to humbly show their summersault kicks. The Lost Boys surrounded the pirates in the center of the gym. On the side was Captain Hook lying on the ground, defeated...

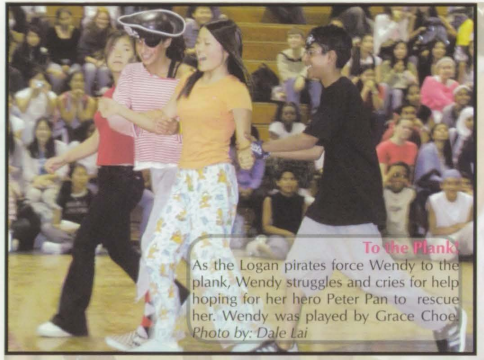


A Buccaneer Cheer
Shouting the freshmen phrase, "Yo ho yo ho a Freshmen life for me!" Scott Merryman and Raha Sadjadi inspire the crowd to cheer with them. *Photo by: Dale Lai*

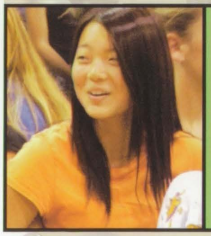
Waiting to be Rescued
Laughing onlookers Nadia Yassin and Diana Kim refuse to help the Lost Boys and Darling Children. The children are waiting for Peter Pan. *Photo by: Dale Lai*



Last Minute Practice
With difficult steps to remember, a last minute practice was necessary. Ivonne Martinez goes over the routine one more time before the performance. *Photo by: Dale Lai*



To the Plank!
As the Logan pirates force Wendy to the plank, Wendy struggles and cries for help hoping for her hero Peter Pan to rescue her. Wendy was played by Grace Choe. *Photo by: Dale Lai*



Playing Wendy in the Freshmen Skit and Dance was a frightening experience because I wasn't sure if Peter Pan would come and catch me.

Grace Choe | 09

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Raha Sadjadi

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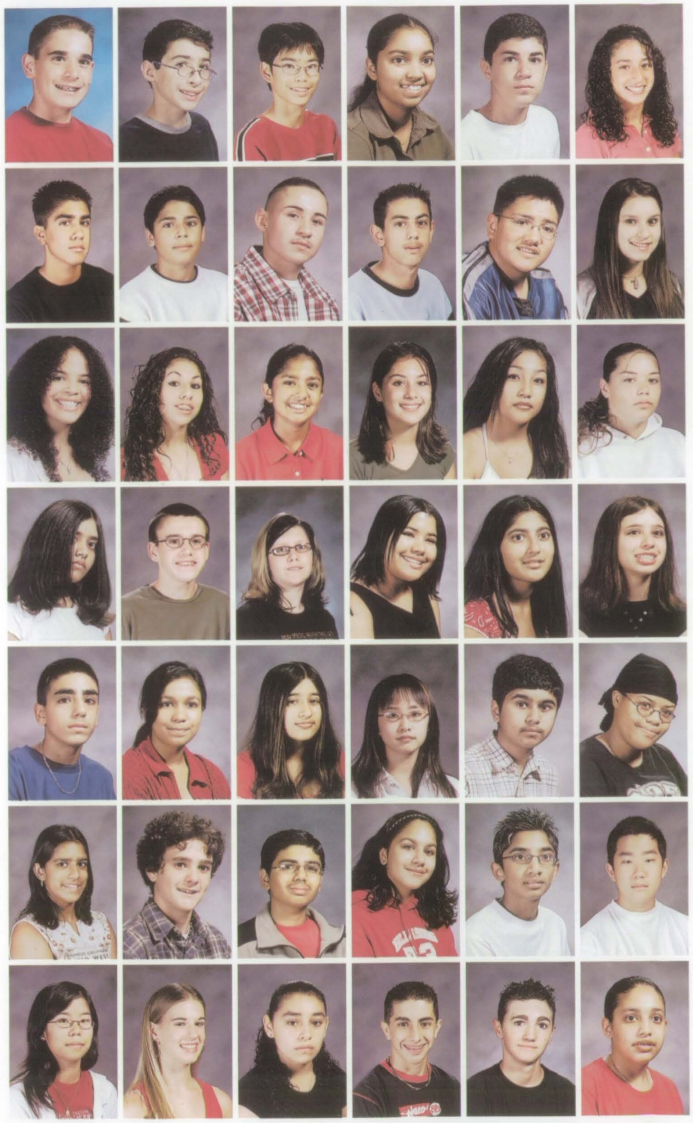


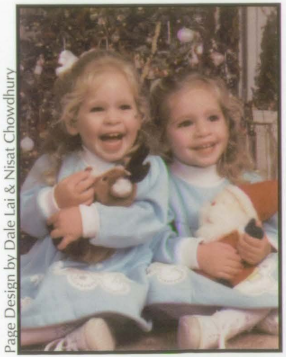
Twice the Laughs

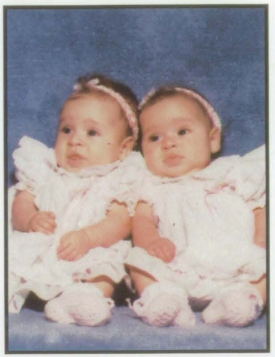
Freshmen twins share a unique experience

By Dale Lai

Many students attending Irvington have siblings, but few people have siblings the very same age as them. Melissa and Sarah Bass are some of these unique people but what makes these girls stand out even more is that they're twins. To get a glimpse of what it's like to have twin, we asked the experts.

SAGA: What's fun about having a twin?
Melissa: You always have a friend and someone to hang around with.
Sarah: You're like each other's best friend. You're never left alone or without a friend.
SAGA: What are some of the same interests you two share?
Sarah: We both enjoy ballet, piano, and reading.
SAGA: What makes you unique from your sister?
Melissa: We have different personalities and we have some different likes and dislikes.
Sarah: Our personality and different opinions.
SAGA: What makes you two different from other twins?
Melissa: We get along pretty well and are good friends with each other.





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Put a Smile On
With the sun shining down on their faces, Sarah and Melissa Bass smile brightly. Both sisters participate in ballet and piano.
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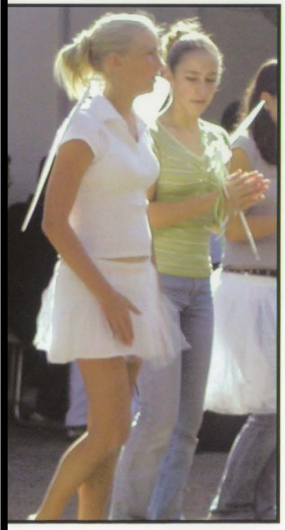

"The most difficult aspect of having a twin is seeing each other so many times in one day. Sarah Bass | 09"

Do the Pirate Shuffle
Showing 2008 pride, Melissa Bass practices the freshmen dance with Nicole Burgess. *Photo by: Dale Lai*

Baby Blues
Sarah (right) and Melissa (left) share a special Christmas memory together. It was the twin's second Christmas together.
Photo courtesy of the Bass family

Hair Flop
Looking at the pictures on the screen, Melissa comments, "I think the one on the left is Sarah. When we were smaller, I remember her hair used to curl up."
Photo Courtesy of the Bass family

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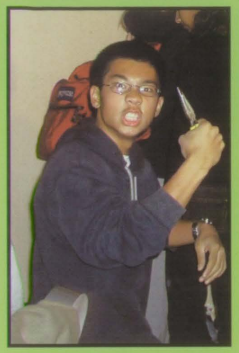
Only One Word

If you could describe yourself in one word, what would it be?

By Dale Lai

Nathan Ho



I'd say that I am a savage because I constantly eat and I'm never full.

It was just another day during summer break and I was feeling bored so I went to a friend's house just to hang out. He ordered two boxes of pizza, and I one whole box by myself. Afterwards, my friends said that I was a beast and asked if I wanted more, and I did.

Kayla Kleinsasser

If I could describe myself in one word, it would have to be the word **clueless**. Whenever I saysomething, I don't think before saying it, so most of the time what I say doesn't make sense.

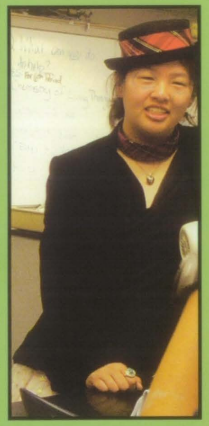
One time I was at my friend's house doing a group project, and since we were almost done my friend and I were just messing around. He had this stuffed animal tiger, so I was petting it. I commented on how soft and fuzzy the fur felt, and he told me that it was a real tiger. I actually believed him until I realized that he was only being sarcastic.

Christopher Cheng

If I had to pick one word to describe me, I would choose **optimistic**. Being negative never helps you in any way. If you focus on how bad things are, you'll never have any fun in life, and you'll waste your life away feeling depressed. It's always best to look on the bright side of things. A quote from my friend Eric Lin really sums up my philosophy on life, "Take it easy."

I was swimming in the ocean one day, and I was stung by several jellyfish. When I came ashore, I thought to myself, "Wow, I was really luck y that I was only stung by jellyfish and not attacked by sharks.

Jessica Chang



The word **experimental** describes me and my lifestyle.

An example of my spontaneous personality was when I was at a restaurant in Washington D.C. with some of my friends. We mixed all our drinks together with packets of sugar, ice cream, and sprinkled it with pepper. It smelt like sharpies! And I drank it too.

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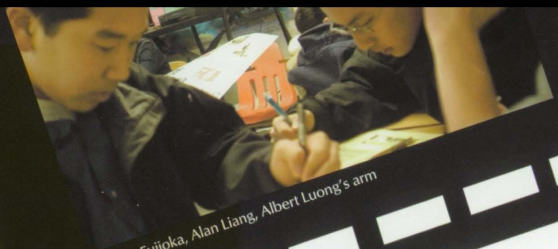

Jordan Fujioka, Alan Liang, Albert Luong's arm

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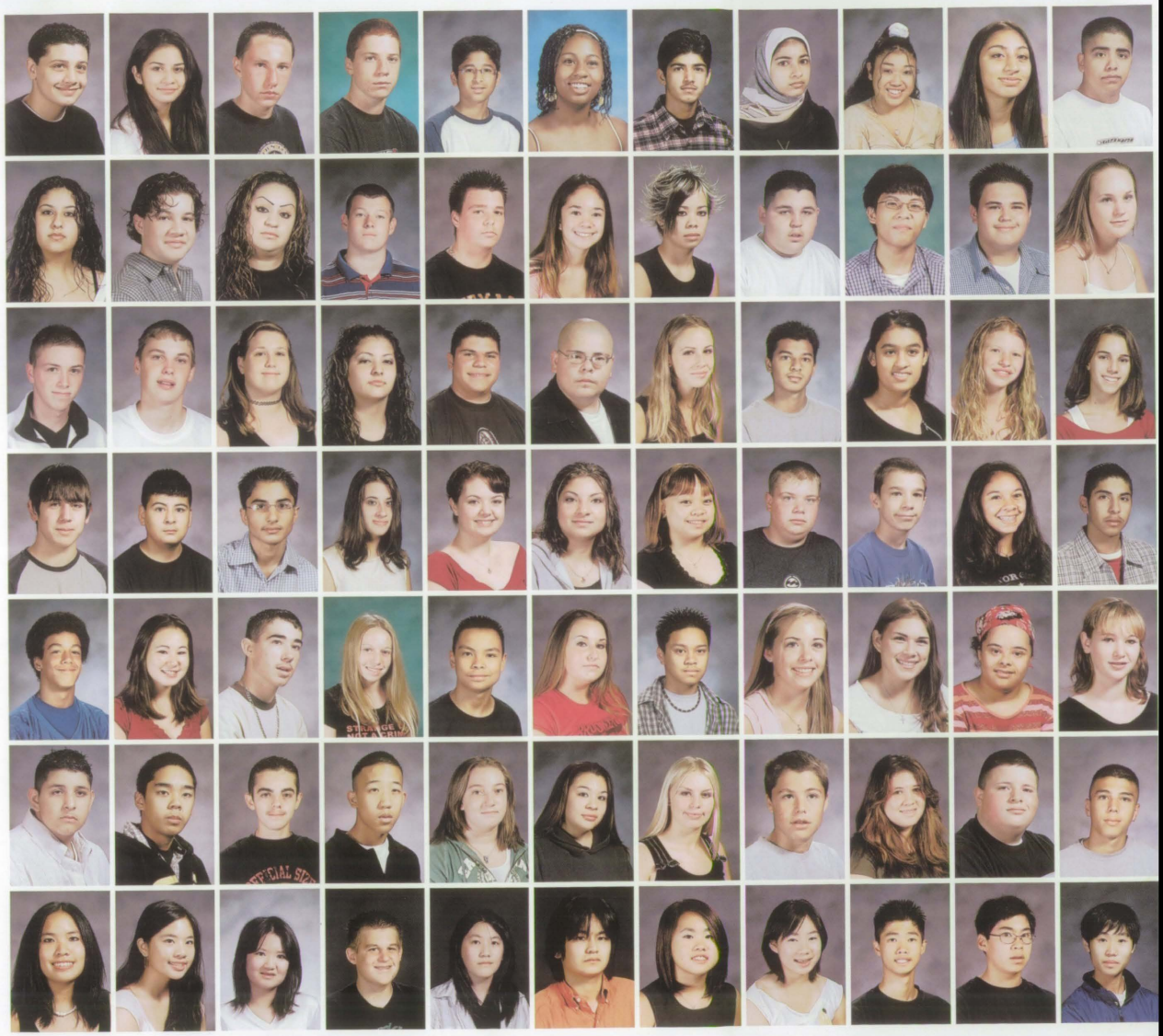
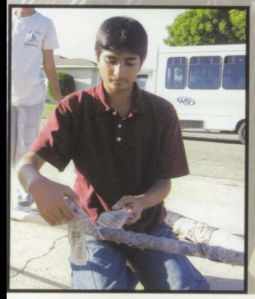


Prowl'n the Safari

taking the class of '06 to the next step

Setting the Example
Being class president not only requires Darshan to participate in benchbuilding, but lead the class as well. He fixes the paper mache and sets an example for everyone else. *Photo by: Nicole Ferguson*



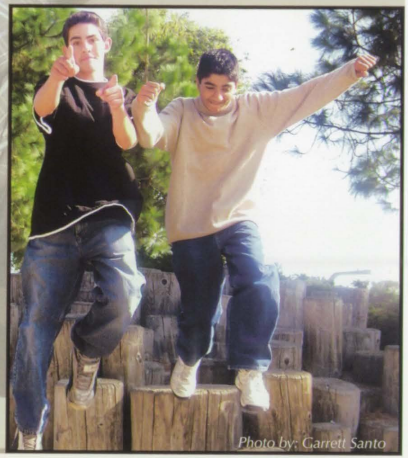


Photo by: Garrett Santo

By Garrett Santo

Dedtermined to prove their former freshman status wrong, sophomore president Nathan Ziman and vice president Darshan Prasad, were hard at work all year long. SAGA went and interviewed the two students responsible for pulling the sophomore class together.

SAGA: What advice would you give to other students?

Darshan: Talk things out or it will just get worse!

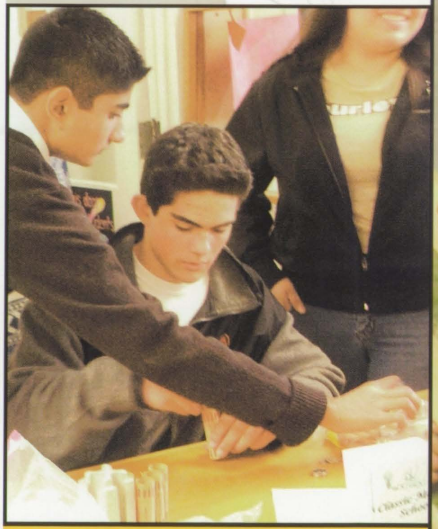
Nathan: Always say what you feel.

SAGA: What's the worse thing about being a sophomore?

Nathan: You can't say you're just a dumb freshmen anymore.

Darshan: Grades and classes really start to matter.

"Paint the cardboard, not eachother!"

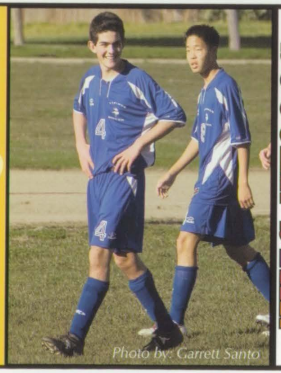


Never Letting Down
Always working diligently, Nathan Ziman, and Darshan Prasad count the sophomore candy sale money. Since they are both part of ASB it makes it easier for them to get together and work. *Photo by: Garrett Santo*

Second place will never be good enough for Nate. His ambition and drive to succeed sets him apart from anyone around him, on and off the field.

"It's another reason for Nathan to not come home."
- Pip and Jill Ziman

Nate's parents laugh as they joke about how active he always keeps himself. Smiling, they proudly comment on how Nathan "always puts out 100% effort to his teamates, classmates, and of course family."



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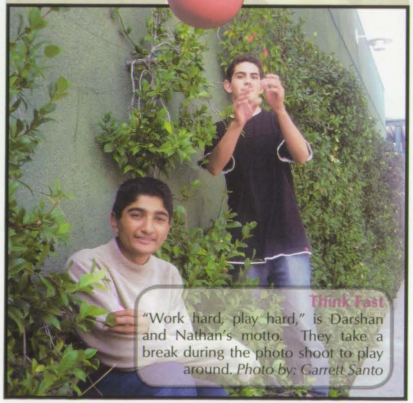

Think Fast
"Work hard, play hard," is Darshan and Nathan's motto. They take a break during the photo shoot to play around. *Photo by: Garrett Santo*

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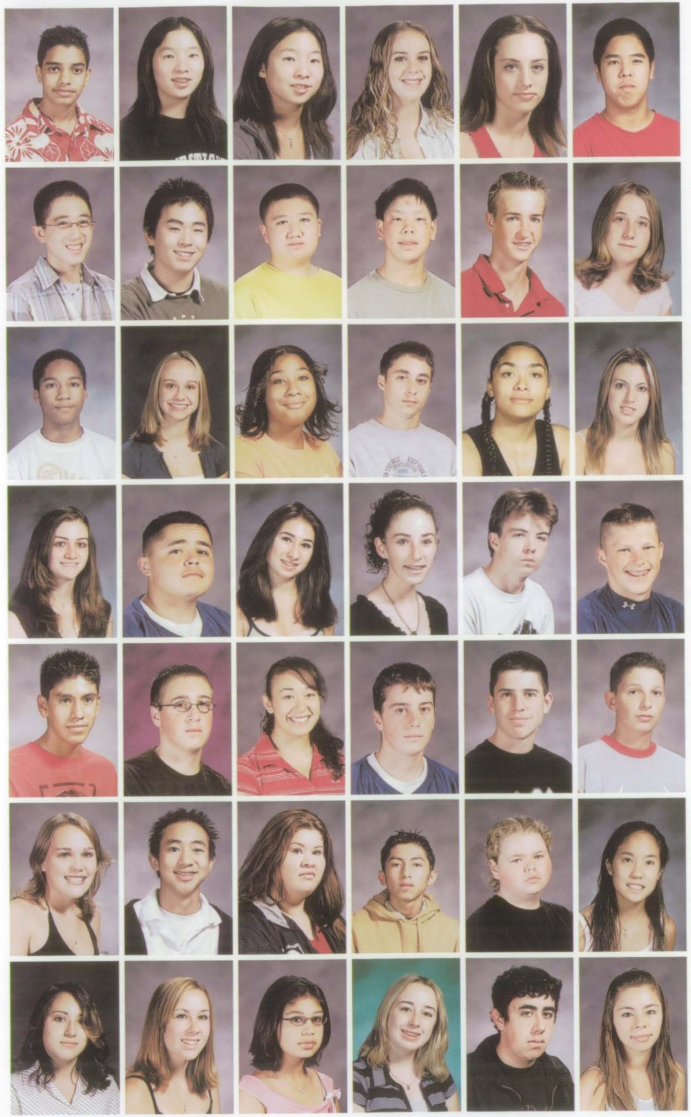
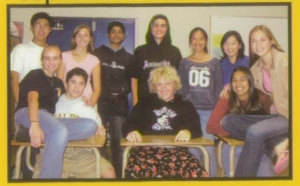


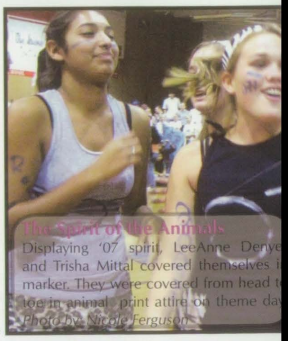
From Paper To Rock
Helping build Pride Rock, Lauren Cochran covers it with paper mache. It wasn't the cleanest of tasks, and afterwards it became difficult to move. *Photo by: Nicole Ferguson*

Wending Through the Path
Showing what students are capable of, Scott Hamilton saws a piece of wood to build the frame of the waterfall. Surprisingly it didn't take long to assemble. *Photo by: Nicole Ferguson*

Sophomore Class Council



Back Row: Michael Cheng, Amanda Sexauer, Darshan Prasad, Nathan Ziman, Natalyn Mock, and Melissa Chen. **Front Row:** Lauren Cochran, Fabien Zadno, Scott Hamilton, Trisha Mittal, and Danielle Cain.



The Spirit of the Animals
Displaying '07 spirit, LeeAnne Denye and Trisha Mittal covered themselves i marker. They were covered from head t '06 in animal print attire on theme da *Photo by: Nicole Ferguson*

Sophomore Council rocks Spirit Week

By Nicole Ferguson

The sophomore council had much to prove to the school after last year. With strong leadership and hard work, they showed the school just how much they could accomplish.

SAGA: Why did you join Student Council?
Lauren Cochran: I wanted to help my class and participate in school functions. I really just wanted to be involved in what goes on with our class.
SAGA: What do you do in Student Council?
Amanda Sexauer: We support other members, and help out with whatever we can. We also contribute fund raising ideas for how to raise money for our Junior Prom.
SAGA: What have you accomplished?
Danielle Cain: I met a lot of people, not only in Student Council, but just by being involved. I found that when you get out there and get into school activities you meet so many new people, and make a lot of new friends.

Simba's Posse

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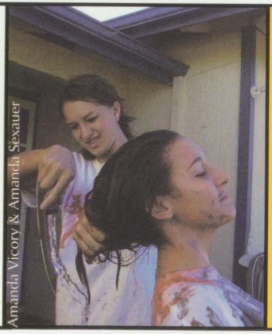
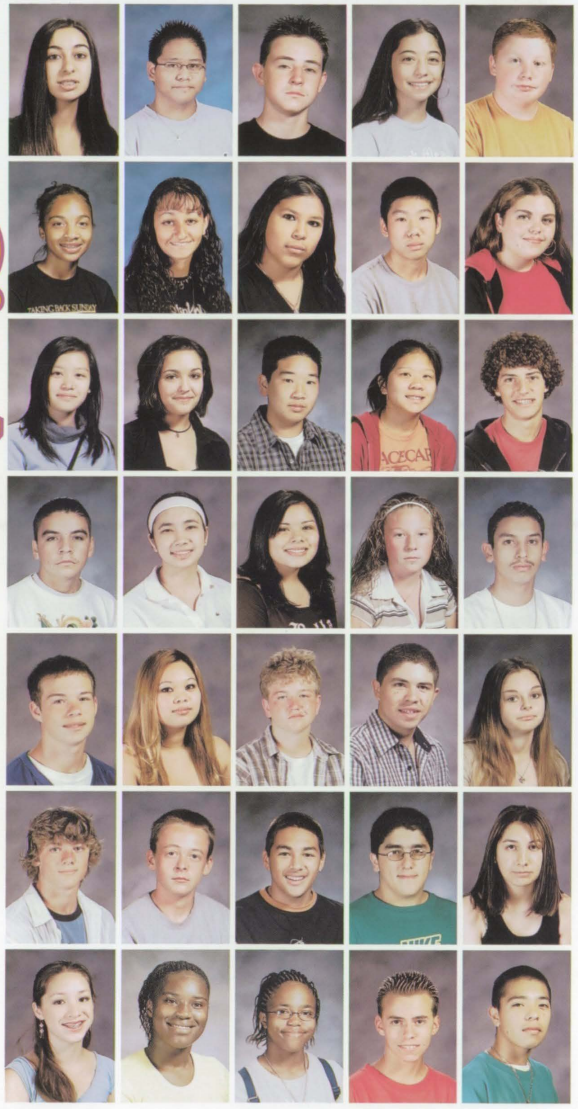


Amanda Vicory & Amanda Sexauer

Once the council members started using paint there was no one who went untouched. At one of the meetings, Kendra Makela grabbed a paint brush and wiped paint all over Amanda Sexauer. It turned into a full fledged paint fight and ended only with Amanda covered head to toe in paint and Kendra laughing.



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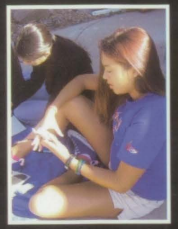


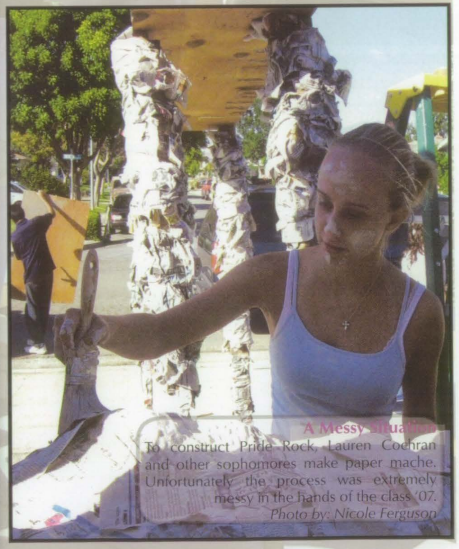
Roaring as One

Benchbuilding can be a very messy task By Nicole Ferguson

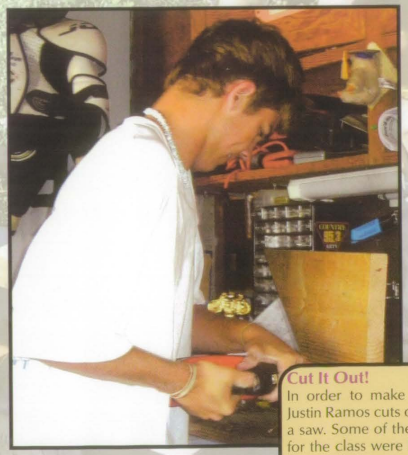
Bench building is one of those things that you can't really appreciate until you've participated in it. When you look at a class' bench, you don't see the hours of labor that went into the piece. With everything hand made and nothing store bought, every item in the '07 bench had been crafted to perfection.

Before any of the building took place the sophomores had to think of ideas of what they wanted to make to fill the courtyard. When you're limited by the theme, it can become a challenge. Though the '07 class was faced with numerous problems, every meeting was fun. After the group got the Pride Rock done, they had a shortage of people and shortage of ideas. They also found out that not all ideas work, like the elephant skull, jeep, and the watering hole. The Sophomores learned from every obstacle and on theme day had put together a pride land to be proud of.

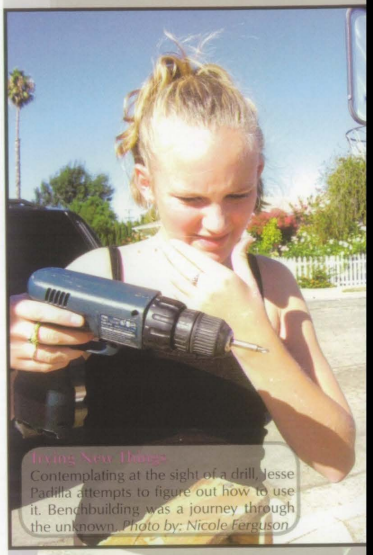
Silhouette Masterpiece
After three days, Kendra Makela and Betty Chan finish painting the giant mural. It was about 9 feet tall and 15 feet wide. *Photo by: Nicole Ferguson*



A Messy Situation
To construct Pride Rock, Lauren Cochran and other sophomores make paper mache. Unfortunately, the process was extremely messy in the hands of the class '07. *Photo by: Nicole Ferguson*

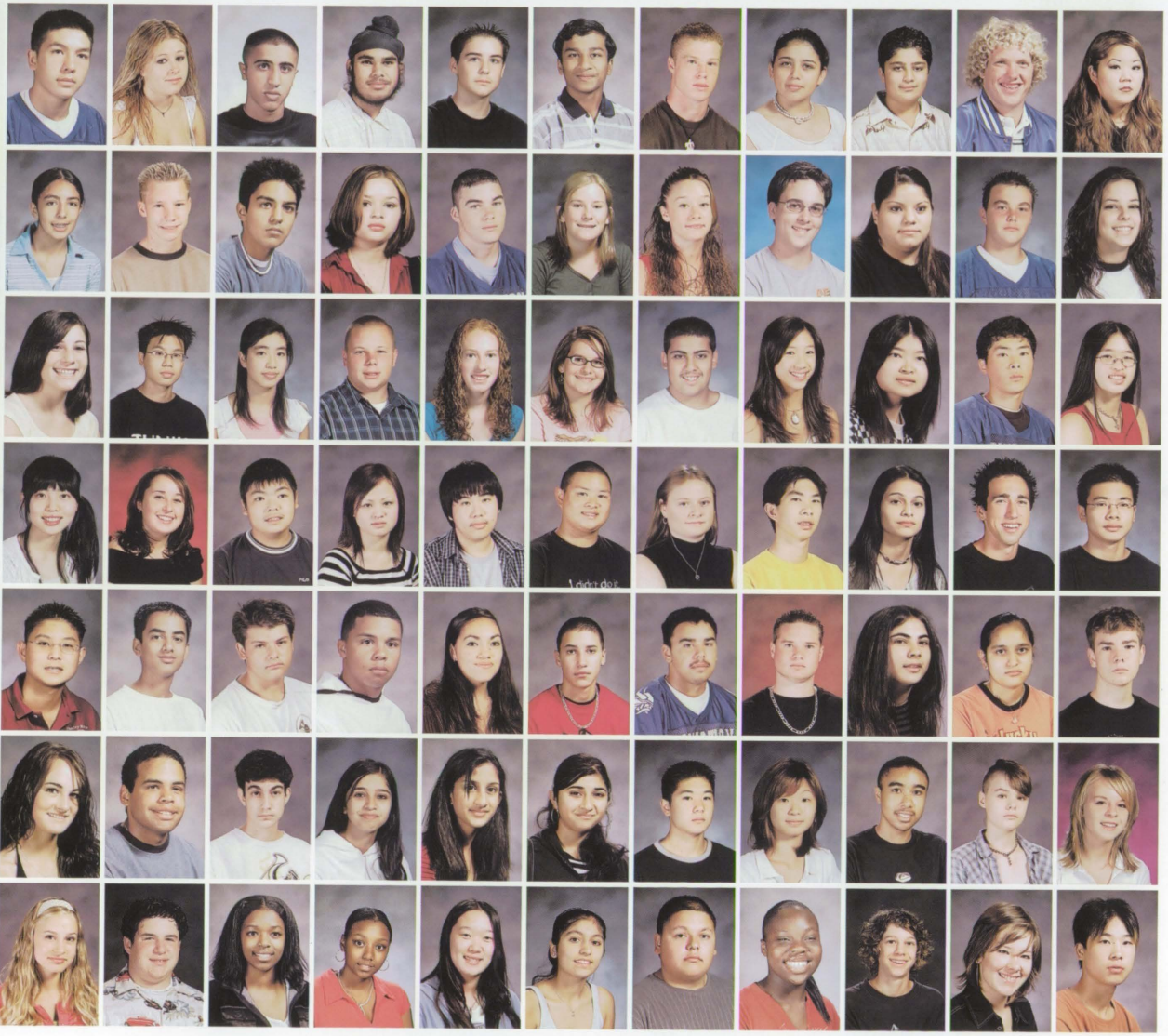


Cut It Out!
In order to make the big giraffe stand, Justin Ramos cuts out one of the feet with a saw. Some of the power tools available for the class were hard to operate. *Photo by: Nicole Ferguson*



Trying New Things
Contemplating at the sight of a drill, Jesse Padilla attempts to figure out how to use it. Benchbuilding was a journey through the unknown. *Photo by: Nicole Ferguson*

"You can't be afraid to get your hands **dirty**."
Shannon McBride, 10



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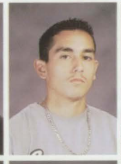

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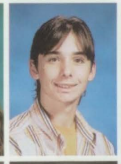

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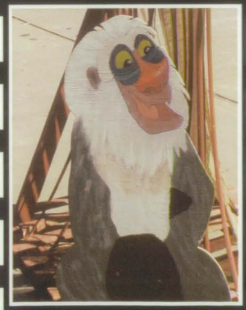
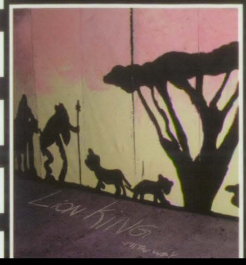
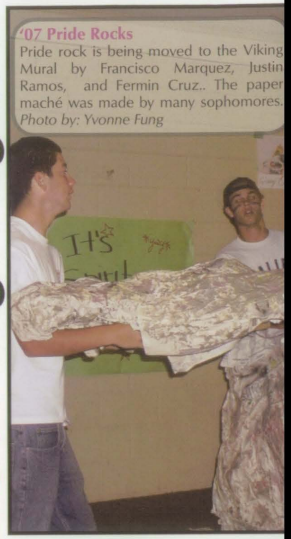




The King Reigns Again

'07 Pride Rocks
Pride rock is being moved to the Viking Mural by Francisco Marquez, Justin Ramos, and Fermin Cruz.. The paper maché was made by many sophomores. *Photo by: Yvonne Fung*



Don't Let Go
Sophomores Nathan Ziman, Nicole Ferguson, Marissa Wong, Dana Percoco, and Shannon McBride struggle to insert the tubing into the holes for the creation of the hyena lair. The tubes kept snapping back at them. *Photo: Yvonne Fung*

Simba's home in the IHS Courtyard

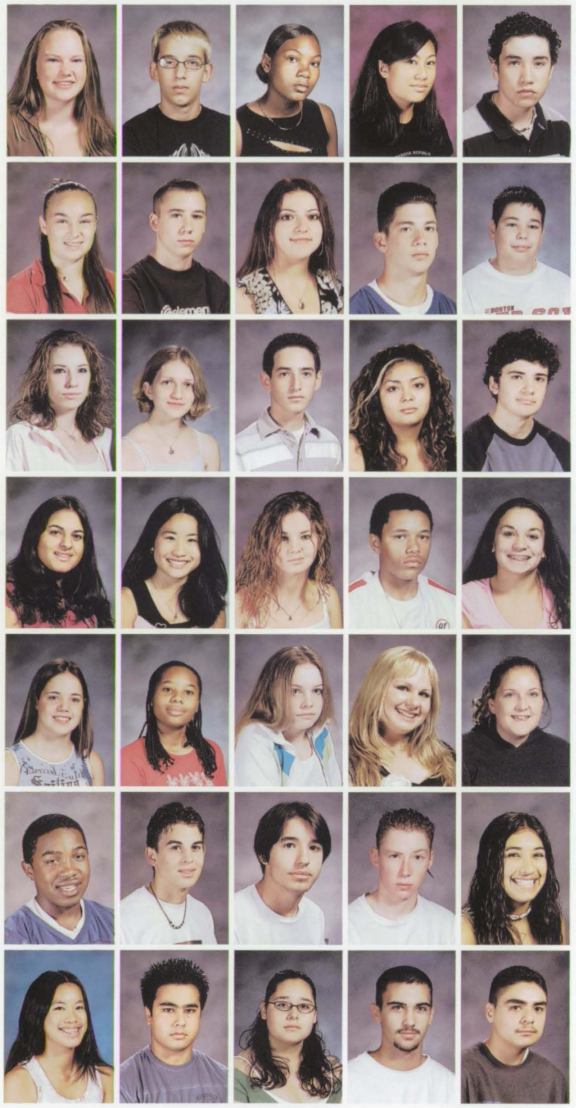
By Yvonne Fung

October 11 (4:00 pm) - Students gathered at Justin Ramos' house the day before Sophomore Day to put finishing touches on bench and load the truck.

October 12 (5:30 am)- Eager bench builders wake up ready to set up.

(6:00 am)- Many sophomores arrive at Irvington and begin to unload the truck with the help of adults such as the mothers of Justin Ramos and Amanda Vicory and Ms. Melanie Gavin.

(7:15 am) - Bench setup is finished and Darshan reflects by saying, "I thought we did really well compared to last year. It was an improvement, which was mainly what we were looking for. Bench setup went smoothly and I was impressed with our performance."



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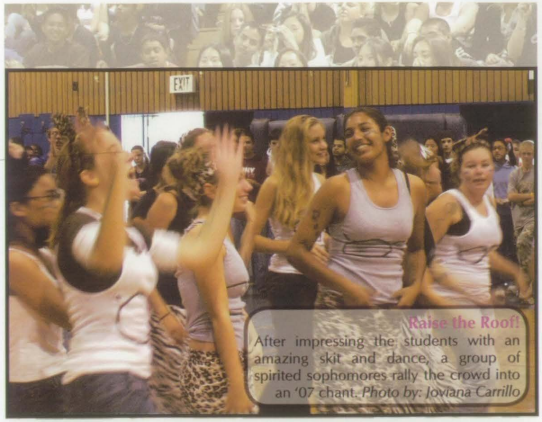
Shake Your Tailfeather

'07's Skit and Dance is a real hoot By Joviana Carrillo



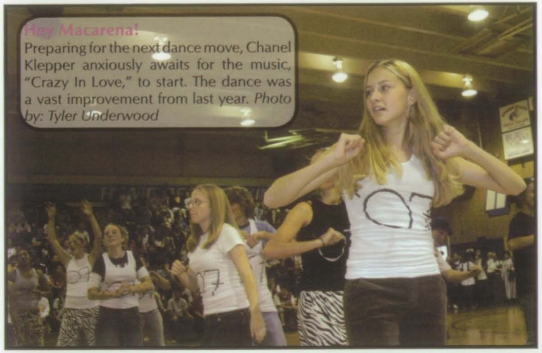
Raise the Roof!
After impressing the students with an amazing skit and dance, a group of spirited sophomores rally the crowd into an '07 chant. *Photo by: Joviana Carrillo*

I am the last person to admit I've got school spirit. I'm not kind of kid that will flaunt my class T-shirt or tell you I'm feeling good (UH!).

So with little spirit to my name, I was given the skit and dance page, which, in an ironic twist in fate, I ended up learning from. I showed up on theme day expecting to take some pictures, go hide in the Dungeon, make my page, and bask in the glory of a job well done. This however, was far from reality.

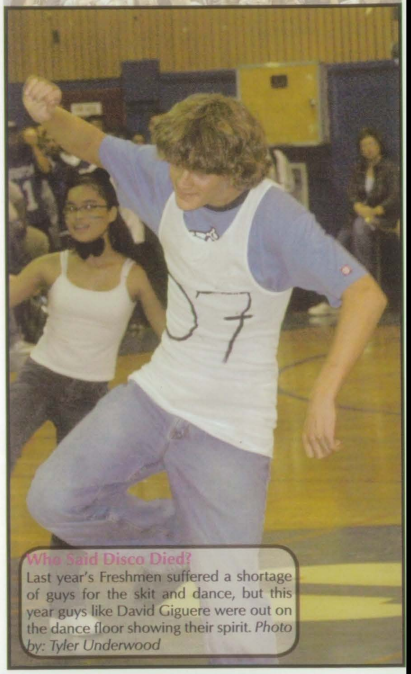
"I even found myself 'bopping' to the music."

Never before had I seen the class of '07 cheering and smiling like this. Then the moment of truth, brave souls arose from the sidelines and in unison began the dance they'd been practicing for days. I even found myself 'bopping' to the music and even replying to J.D Whitfield, "Yes, yes I do feel good! UH!"



Hey Macarena!
Preparing for the next dance move, Chanel Klepper anxiously awaits for the music, "Crazy In Love," to start. The dance was a vast improvement from last year. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*

"I wasn't worried [about messing up], my part was easy. I just had to pretend to be locked in a room."
Jacob Kosarchuk | 10



Who Said Disco Died?
Last year's Freshmen suffered a shortage of guys for the skit and dance, but this year guys like David Giguere were out on the dance floor showing their spirit. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*

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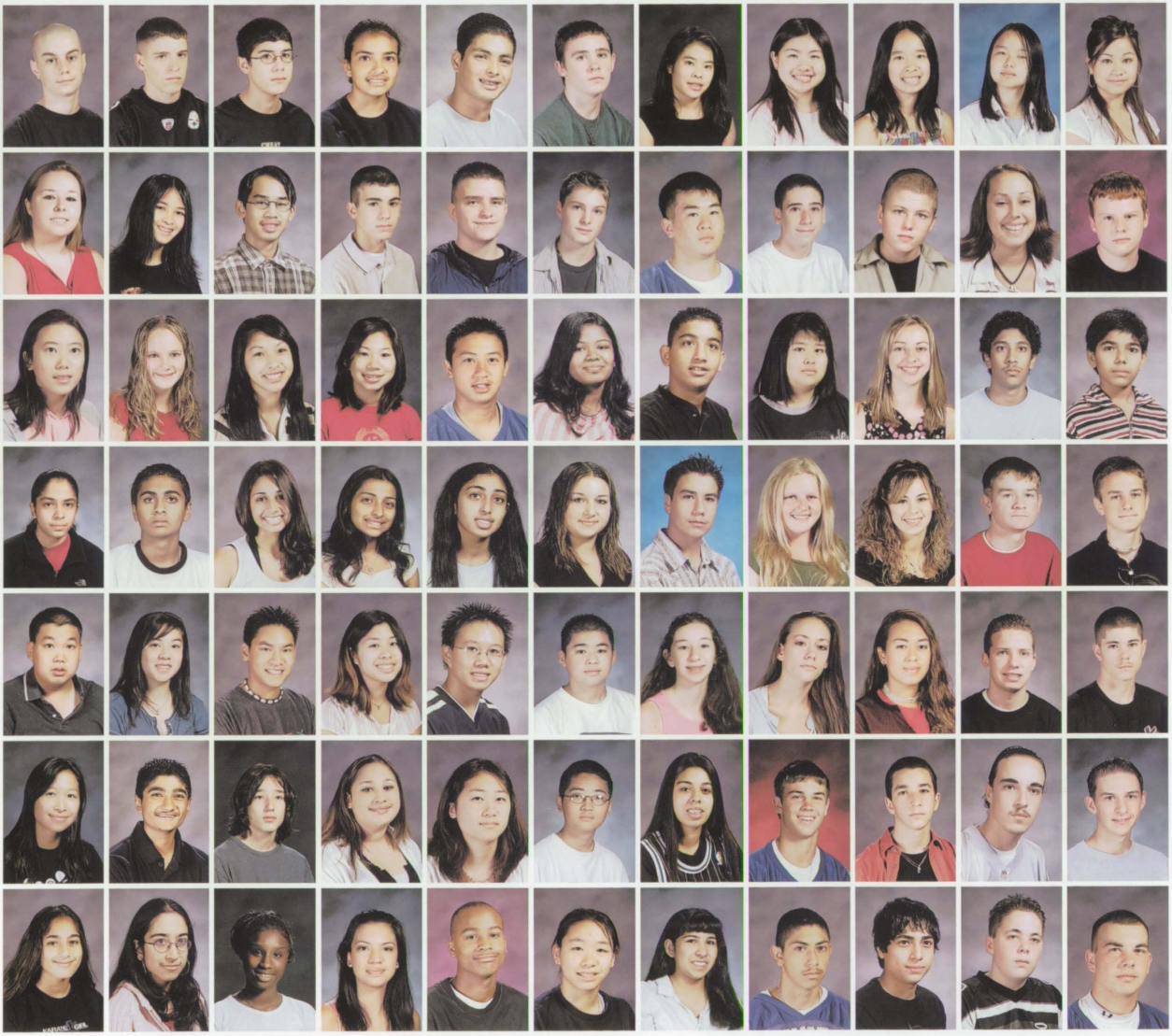

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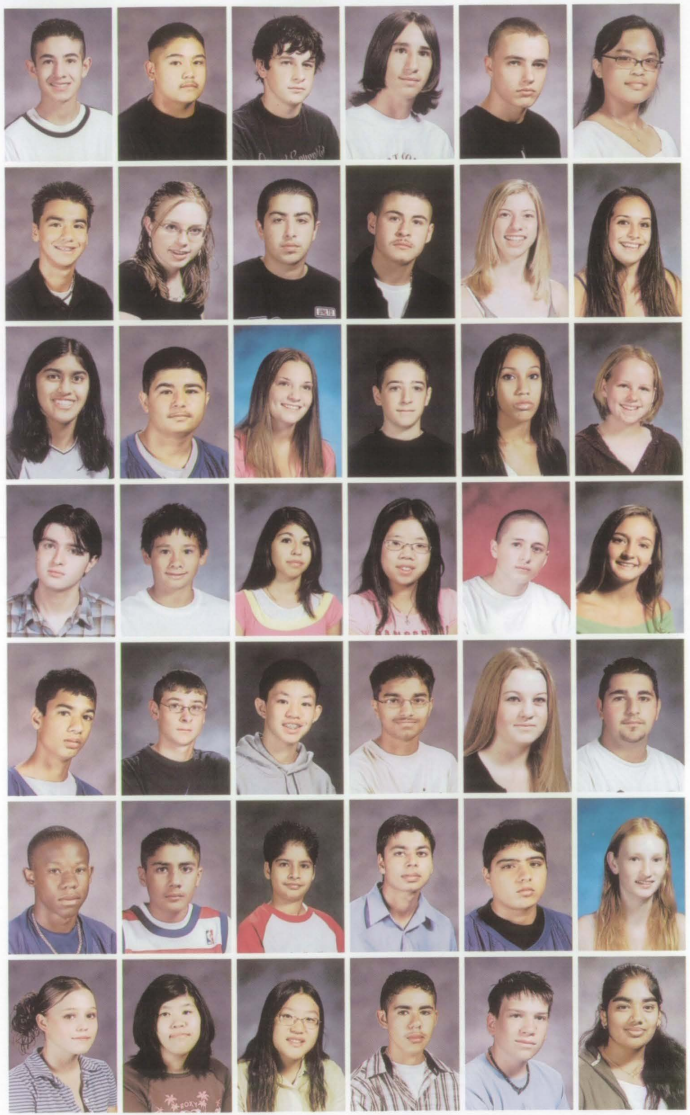
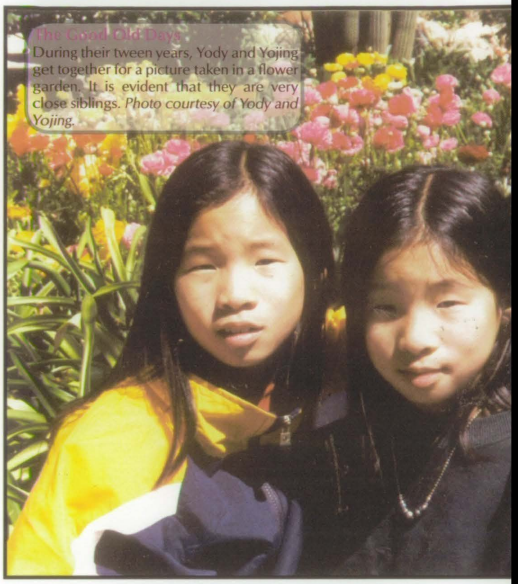


It's all in the Pride



The Good Old Days
During their tween years, Yody and Yojing get together for a picture taken in a flower garden. It is evident that they are very close siblings. *Photo courtesy of Yody and Yojing.*

Double the trouble for the '07 class

By Yvonne Fung and Dale Lai

SAGA: What is the best thing or advantage about having a twin?
Yojing: We have one set of books at school and one set of books at home.
SAGA: What is the best twin prank you've successfully done or almost successfully done?
Both: Switching places one time in third grade.
SAGA: Is there any truth about the whole telepathic mind thing?
Yojing: We think the same and have lots of the same opinions, otherwise it's not true.
SAGA: Ever been apart from each other for a long period of time?
Both: We were both in different cities for a week, but we didn't know. It was somewhere in Taiwan.

YOJING

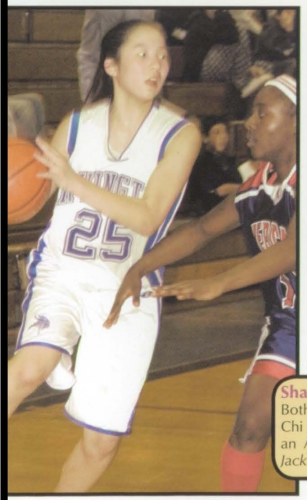
Favorites

Movie- Love and Basketball
Music- Jay Chou
Actor- Jeremy Sumpter
Color- Pink

YODY

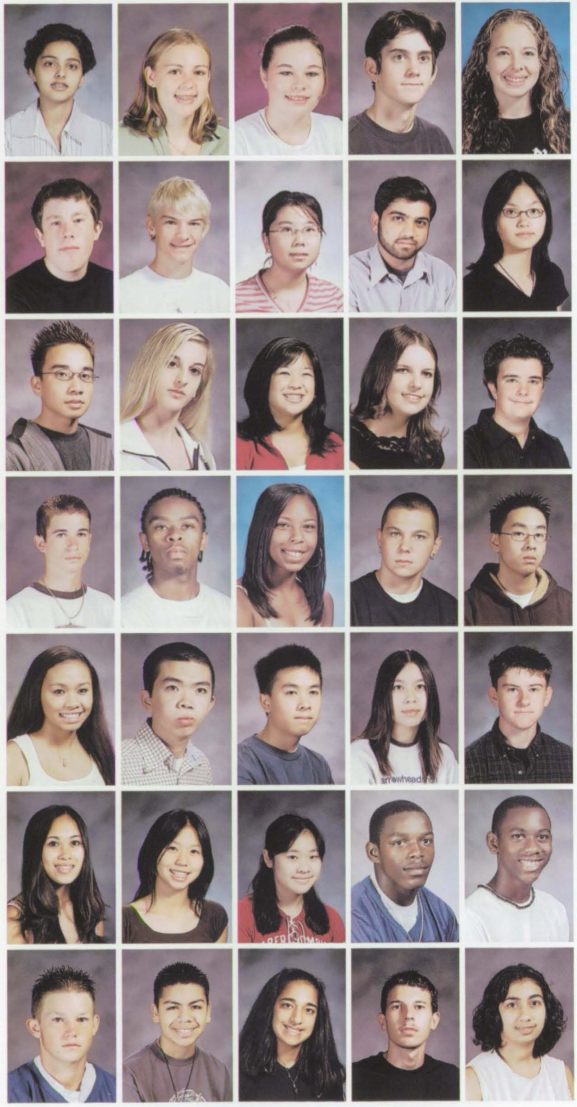
Favorites

Movie- Finding Nemo
TV- One Tree Hill
Music- Yellowcard
Actor- Michael Copon
Color- Blue



Sharing the Same Interests
Both sisters play varsity basketball. Yody Chi successfully keeps the ball away from an American High opponent. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Skipping in Joy
In front of the UCSD library, Yody and Yojing link arms and show their love of education. The UCSD library is considered an exquisite example of architecture. *Photo courtesy of Yody and Yojing*



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Sydney Tafuri
Trisha Takeda
Melissa Tarr
Stephen Tarver

Timothy Teuscher
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Quiana Thompson
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Lance Underwood
Roberto Uribe
Deeya Utamsing
Michael Vaccaro
Shuchita Vandra

riddle me this

"If you could have a super power what would it be?"

Everyone says that if they could just fly or freeze time that it would make their school day so much more convenient. So what super powers would help the Sophomores with their year?

natalyn mock

I think I would want to have the power to grow money out of my ears because then I could be rich and lazy just like Paris Hilton. I'd grow it out of my ears just because it's more convenient that way.

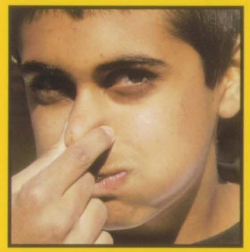
karen hsi

I'd want to be super fast like Dash in the Incredibles. I'm already kind of hyper and spazzy anyways, but being hyper doesn't help me get to class on time or run the buum in two seconds.

lainey seaton

I think I would probably have the super power to be in two places at once. That way I could go to all my classes and do all my homework but cut class and go to the mall at the same time. Not that I want to cut class to go to the mall or anything like that...

neal patel



I'd have gills so I could swim underwater like a fish and I wouldn't have to wear a scuba tank to breathe. Why would I need it? In case someone dropped me out of a plane, into the ocean, and they tied me to a block of cement. I'm not saying it's happened before but you never know what could happen when I'm a senior.

Lane Vannucci
Gerardo Vargas
Anuj Verma
Amanda Vicory
Francisco Villamueva
Sunit Vora
Christina Wakefield
Emily Walker
Jhalisa Walker
Trevor Wall
Nancy Wang

Rebecca Wang
Tiffany Wang
Rachael Warmack
Catherine Washington
Jill Weeber
Jessica Wei
Thomas Weston
Ian Whiles
Clayton Whittaker
Jade Wiggins
Kenneth Wilks

Gregory Williams
Jeremiah Wilson
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Jenniffir Wood
Chun-Wei Wu
Sunny Wu
Eric Xue
Rahul Yadav
Marliejoy Yonocruz
Mira Yoon

Taylor Young
Jonathan Yuan
Kelvin Yuen
Fabien Zadno
Christoph Zelidon
Christina Zhu
Nathan Ziman
Brandon Zumwalt

Jaqueline Patrick
Shane Gomez
2006
Krystal Rooks

Yolada Perez & Megan Smith

Jessica Bury

juniors

class of 2006

Ian Abel
Sadaf Ahmed
Sarah Ahmed
Agustin Alaniz
Jennifer Albright
Anthony Alcantar
Ryan Alducente
David Allan
Mayank Amin
Brian Amsler
Narayanan Annamalai

Alexander Arroyo
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Katie Atfield
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Christoph Ayad
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Brittani Balan-Porter
Ryan Barry
Imaan Baseer
Natalie Bazely

Amanda Benavides
Victoria Bennett
Stephanie Beretta
Ruben Bernal
Laura Bernardin
Brandon Betts
Samuel Bland
Jesse Boado
Blair Boatley
Daniel Bocanegra
Kristina Bond

Nancy Bonilla
Desiree Bonner
Evan Boomer
Ian Borck
Daniel Boyd
Kalia Bratton
Jason Brown
Jennifer Brown
Brandon Bui
Emily Burkett
Aubrey Burnham

Jessica Bury
April Bush
Darren Calhoun
Rainier Calo
Tito Camacho
Jasmine Cancino
Andrew Candelario
Jonathan Cao
Samuel Carnahan
Joseph Carrethers
Michael Caruso

Yang Chai
Stephen Champ
Michelle Chan
Krystal Chandler
Ameeta Chandra
Lana Chang
Shan Chang
Cynthia Chao
Adrian Chase
Alexander Chen
Chen Chen

Christina Chen
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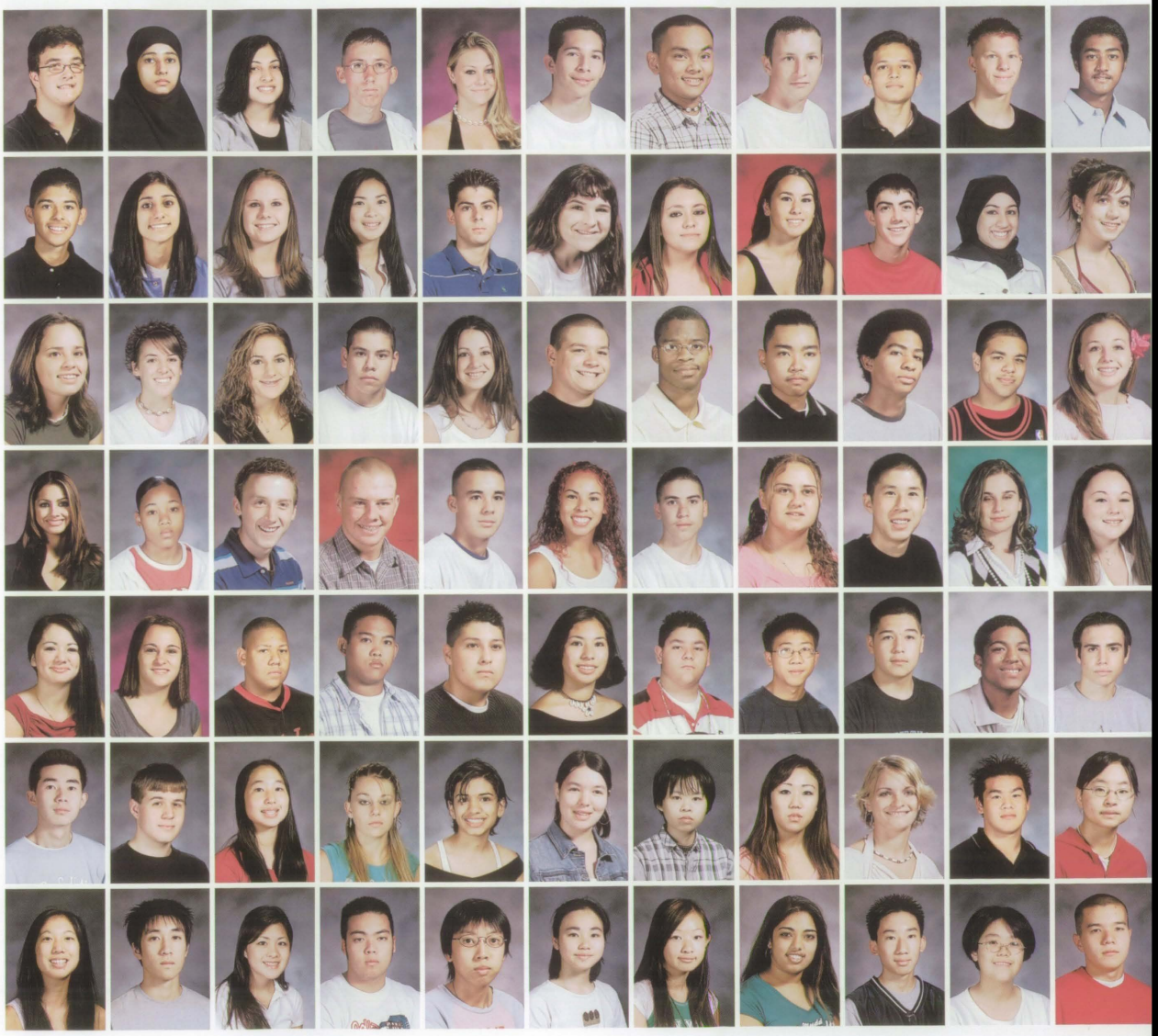
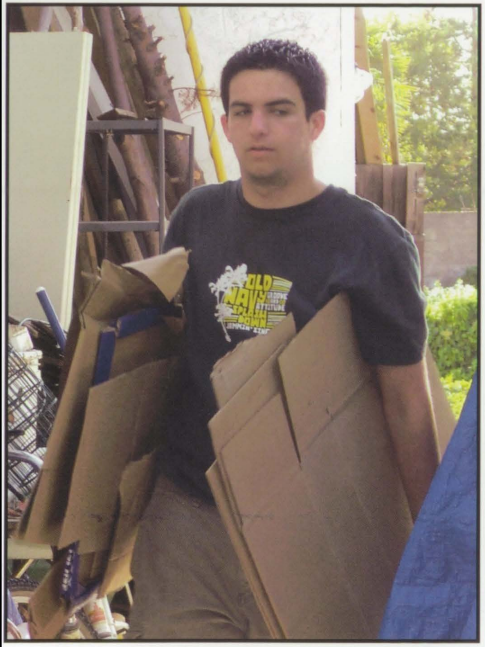


"What can I say? I guess, I am just a **professional.** As junior class president you have to be willing to do anything to get the job done."
Katie Whitaker | 11



Mad Hatter & March Hare

Aka junior class president and vice president

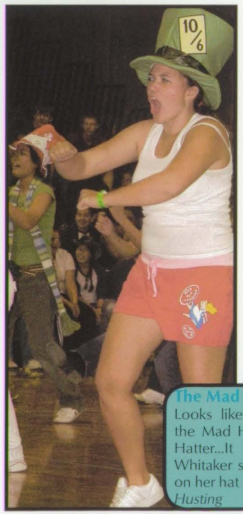
By Ameeta Chandra

Who would have ever thought that Irvington had its own Mad Hatter and March Hare? The real Mad Hatter and March Hare are well known for their lack of saneness and their poor skills on fixing watches. Let's see how the junior class president and vice president compare.

SAGA: Why did you choose Alice in Wonderland?
Katie: Because it is crazy and random!
SAGA: Why do you love the class of 2006?
James: Our class is really spirited.
Katie: It's all even numbers, and you can make 06' with your hands.
SAGA: Do you work well together?
Katie: Yeah, I think we do, we have our differences, but we complement each other. Our differences do sometimes lead to arguments.
James: But we love each other in the end!
SAGA: What is your favorite thing about ASB?
James: It gives me a chance to use my leadership qualities.
Katie: What James said, even though he is pessimistic.
James: No, I'm optimistic!
SAGA: How much time do you spend on ASB out of class?
Katie: It is like a second life.
SAGA: Do you like each other?
Katie: We're together so much people thought we were boyfriend and girlfriend.
James: ...but we quickly cleared that up.
Katie: The closest we have come to going out is the limo to last year's junior prom.
Katie: If James and I met each other when we were younger I would have beat him up.
James: I would have whacked you with the tether ball.

Mad Hatter vs. March Hare

James	James or Katie	Katie
Mercedes	Mercedes or BMW	BMW
Lime Green	Lime Green or Hot Pink	Hot Pink
Jamba Juice	Jamba Juice or Starbucks	Jamba Juice
Dance	Water Polo or Dance	Dance



Got Cardboard?
Walking through piles of benchbuilding material, James Grant carries stacks of cardboard. Cardboard is the one thing you can't have too much of while building bench. *Photo by: Kevin Phan*

Lost in Thought
Holding an exacter knife, James wonders where to cut. Extreme precision is required to achieve straight edges. *Photo by: Kevin Phan*

The Mad Hatter Herself?
Looks like the Mad Hatter, walks like the Mad Hatter, and talks like the Mad Hatter...It is the Mad Hatter! Katie Whitaker shows Irvington what the 10/6 on her hat really stands for. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

Kristophe Chow
Nisat Chowdhury
Joseph Chun
Eric Chung
Jasmine Chung
Minyong Chung

Yolanda Cisneros
Michael Ciuffo
Tommy Clabough
Shallani Clanagan
Samuel Clark
Robert Clay

Erin Coker
James Coleman
Stefani Coleman
Amy Collins
Brian Collins
Jason Cori

Kara Cornelio
Jasmine Cornett
David Cosgrove
Amanda Cothern
Michelle Cox
Rafael Custodio

Janna Dahl
Ilya Danengirsh
Amanda Daricek
Hannah Daugherty
Shannon Davies
Christopher Day

James Day
Staci Dayley
Rachel Dearing
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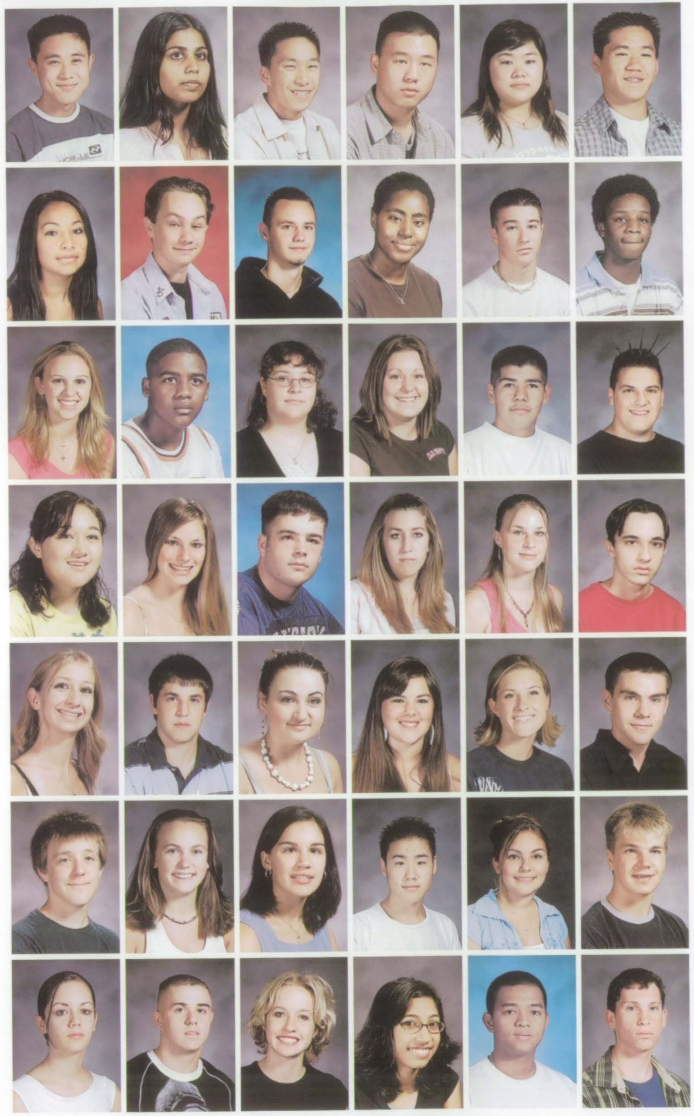


The Queen's Court

The Junior Class Experience

By Kevin Phan

Irvington's junior class council went through many changes this year. With a larger size and new members, these council members let us know what they think.

SAGA: This year the council was significantly larger, how did working with more people change things?

Anita Vergis: There are a lot more people to inform but on the plus side there are a lot more people to help.

SAGA: What was your funniest experience from bench building?

Katie Holtog: I spray painted my shoes at benchbuilding. One gold and one hot pink.

Emily Burkett: The tapioca fireball incident. Katie Whitaker shot her tapioca balls at people.

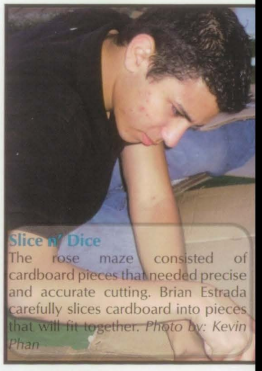
SAGA: If you could only have one of your five senses, which one would it be?

Ketakee Kane: Touch, because sometimes physical contact is what you need to maintain sanity.

Katie Holtog: Taste because I want to go to lunch right now.

Junior Class Council

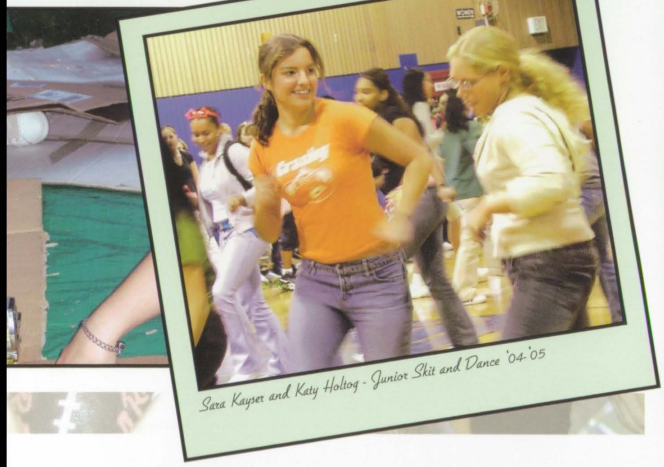
First Row: Victoria Jang, Nicole Larson, Sara Kayser, Kathleen Smoak, Jennifer Magana
Second Row: Kerri Loh, Priya Kumar, Hibba Ashraf, Kimberly Wyant, Joya Kazi, Anum Habib



Slice n' Dice
The rose maze consisted of cardboard pieces that needed precise and accurate cutting. Brian Estrada carefully slices cardboard into pieces that will fit together. *Photo by: Kevin Phan*

How Much Cardboard...

The junior class bench was made mostly of cardboard and paper mache. Kathleen Smoak organizes cardboard that will be used to make walls and a chess board. *Photo by: Kevin Phan*



Sara Kayser and Katy Holtog - Junior Skit and Dance '04-'05

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Jovito Du
Mayn Eshiett
Vanessa Espinosa
Fabiola Espinoza

Jonathan Esquivel
Stephanie Estores
Brian Estrada
Randolph Estrada
Sarah Euchler

Eileen Fajardo
Christina Fan
Kennedy Fan
Katelind Farmer
Kevin Feliciano

Amy Feng
Snow Feng
David Ferrarese
Eric Fiance
Aaron Fleischman

Justin Flores
Rafael Flores
Ryan Flowe
Jared Fong
Andre Freer

Sarah Frost
Amethy Fuentes
Caitlin Gallacher
Amanda Galloway
Jennifer Gamez

Cynthia Garcha
Anais Garcia
Antonia Garcia
Gina Ger
Sumayyah Gettani

Building the House of Cards

The card army comes together to build the best card house ever seen

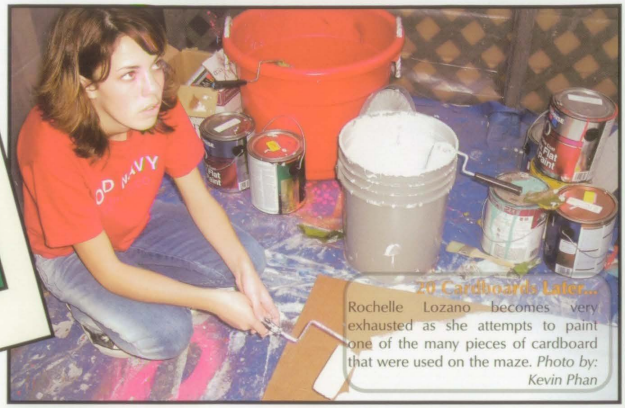
By Ameeta Chandra

The school year begins: Everyone's running around like a bunch of mice trying to figure out where their second period class is. But those juniors, man are they calm. Acting like a bunch of cool cats; relaxed and lounged out like they own the place. They know that a special week's coming. The week to show the school who's boss.

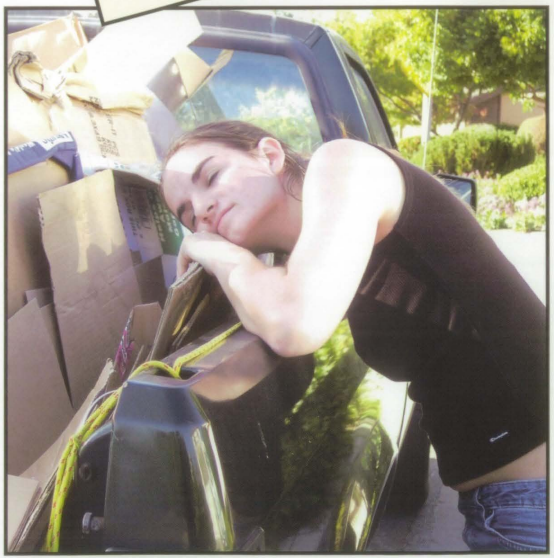
Spirit Week: It's finally here and adrenaline is pumping, oh it's pumping all right. They boast and brag about how their bench will OWN all others. The next day, a group of juniors are in the backyard of Kathleen Smoak's house, deep in discussion. What theme will be the knockout of the year? "We've got it", say the juniors.

Alice in Wonderland: Say "Hello, Bench building!" Now that the theme is taken care of, where do we start? We need supplies don't we? Yes, supplies! Home Depot is near! Nails, hammers, paint, and even 2x4's. "Once again we have reached a stump," say the juniors. What to build? Alice and Wonderland have a few unique characters of its own. Of course there is Alice, that creepy green caterpillar, that oh-so-rushed White Rabbit, and don't forget the Mad Hatter. But just one cutting, gluing, pasting, sculpting, building, week later, it is complete!

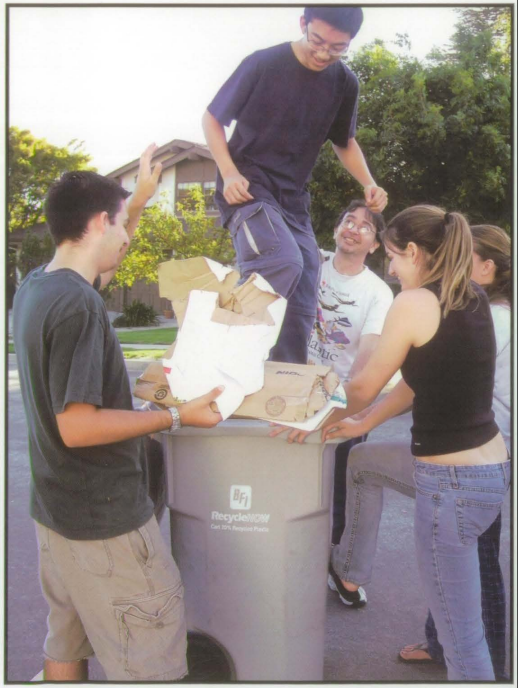
Show it off to the school: The juniors hold their heads up high and proud as they stand around in front of their work of art. After all that exertion they put in, they stand there with an expression that says "Who's the man?" Now, the juniors may not have clinched that first place win, but they still had their sweet dreams through the rabbit hole.



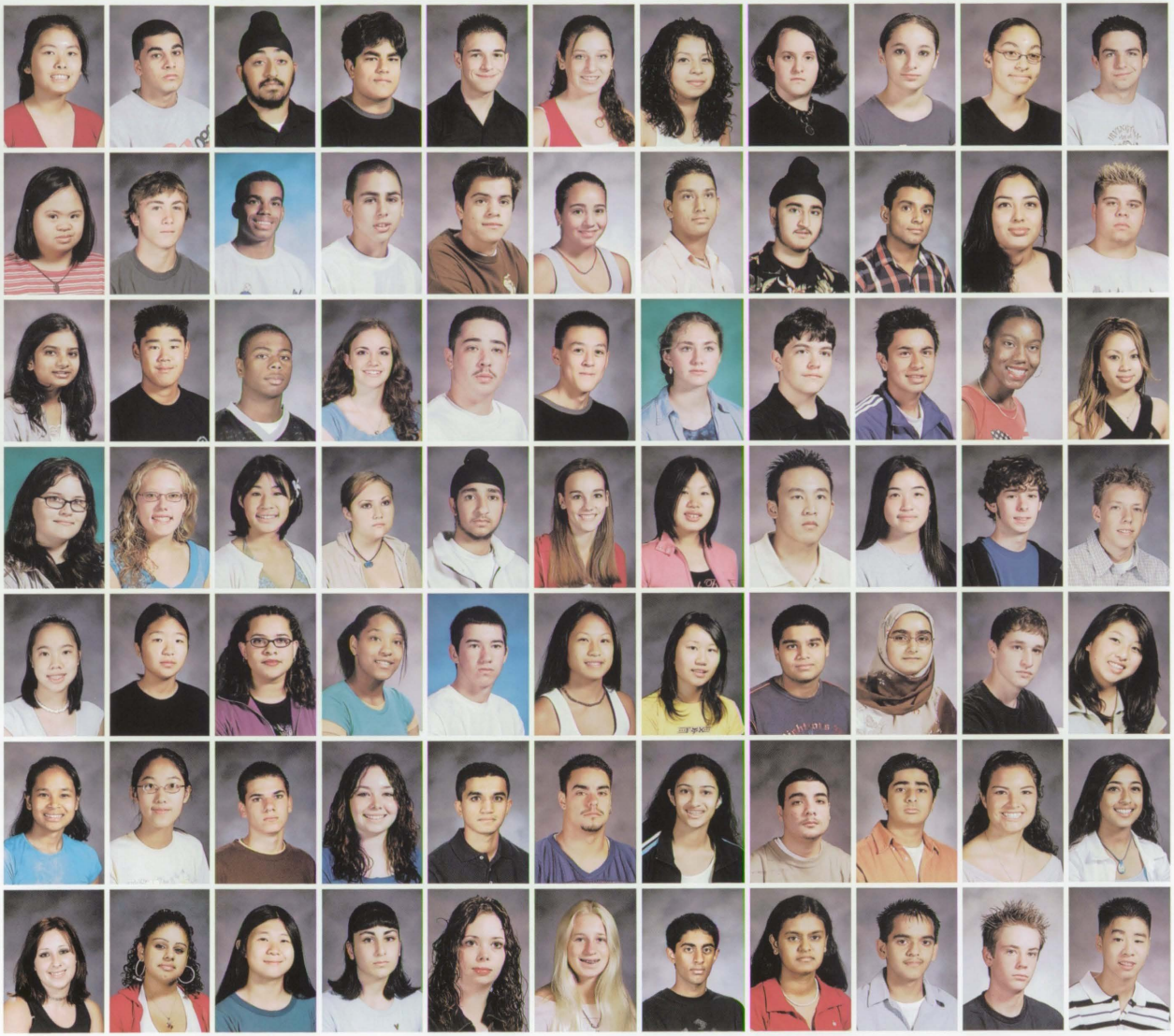
20 Cardboards Later... Rochelle Lozano becomes very exhausted as she attempts to paint one of the many pieces of cardboard that were used on the maze. *Photo by: Kevin Phan*



Does the Madness Ever Stop? While everyone else cleans up Kathleen Smoak's house after a long month of benchbuilding, she takes a light nap on the bed of the truck. *Photo by: Kevin Phan*



Taking out the Trash Kevin Phan attempts to tackle the trash by himself. As he lungs himself into the recycle bin he goes further in than expected. *Photo by: Pamela Hung*



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Jupp Gill
Anish Godhwani
Shane Gomes
Veronica Gomes
Giddiani Gomez
Liesse Gomez
Mercedes Gomez
Rachquel Gomez
James Grant

Mar Gray
Aaron Green
Theodore Green
Justin Guerra
Javier Guerrero
Danette Gullion
Manish Gupta
Ratanjit Gupta
Varun Gupta
Vernise Gutierrez
Jesse Guzman

Anum Habib
Jeffrey Handa
Harvey Harris
Kimberly Harrison
Nicholas Hattori
Christoph Hay
Carolyn Hennessey
John Henning
Raul Hernandez
Dionna Higgins
Be Hoang

Jennifer Hodgins
Kathryn Holtog
Melissa Hong
Kristine Hoover
Gagan Hothi
Kaysha Howser
Huaihsuan Huang
Michael Huang
Pamela Hung
James Hunt
Steven Hutchings

Linda Huynh
Sara Hwang
Amanda Ingram-Bull
Ashley Ireland
Aleksanda Ivanovic
Diandra Jacinto
Victoria Jang
Sahil Jani
Nida Javeed
Jonathan Jennings
Grace Jeong

Sarah Jeremiah
Jessica Ji
Mitchell Johns
Rashell Johnson
Kushal Kadakia
Anthony Kalawaia
Ketakee Kane
Hossein Kanj
Zain Kassamali
Sara Kayser
Joya Kazi

Brittany Keane
Afsheen Kerawala
Phyu Khin (Kai)
Julie Khodayari
Anna Kimmel
Elizabeth Koenig
Rajeev Kristipati
Priya Kumar
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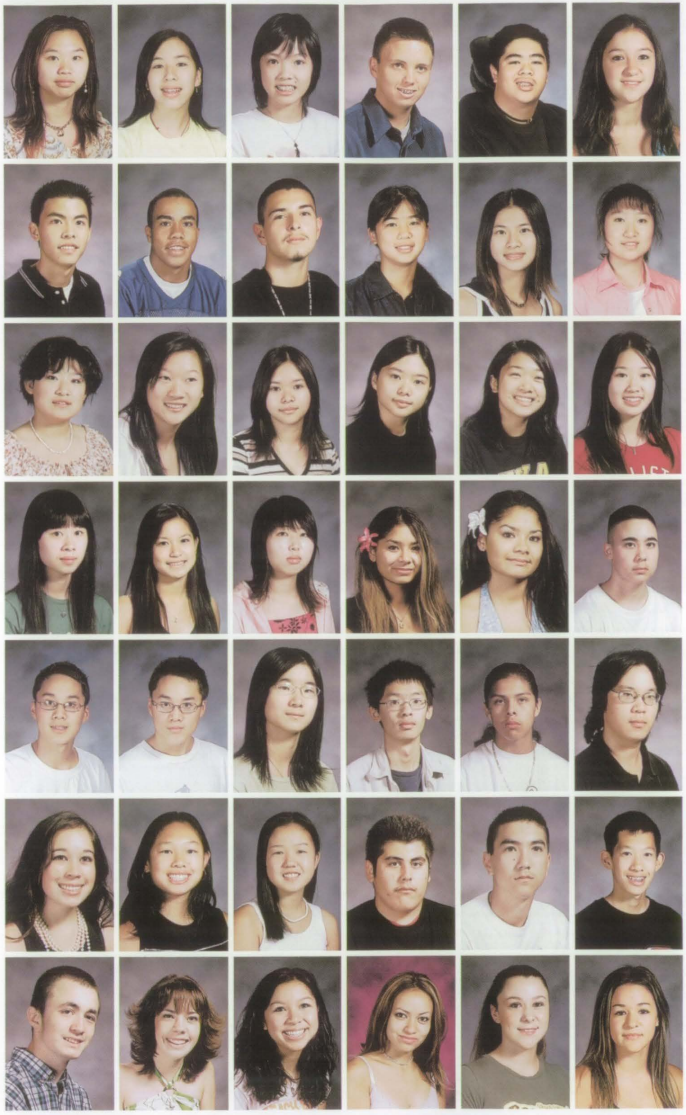
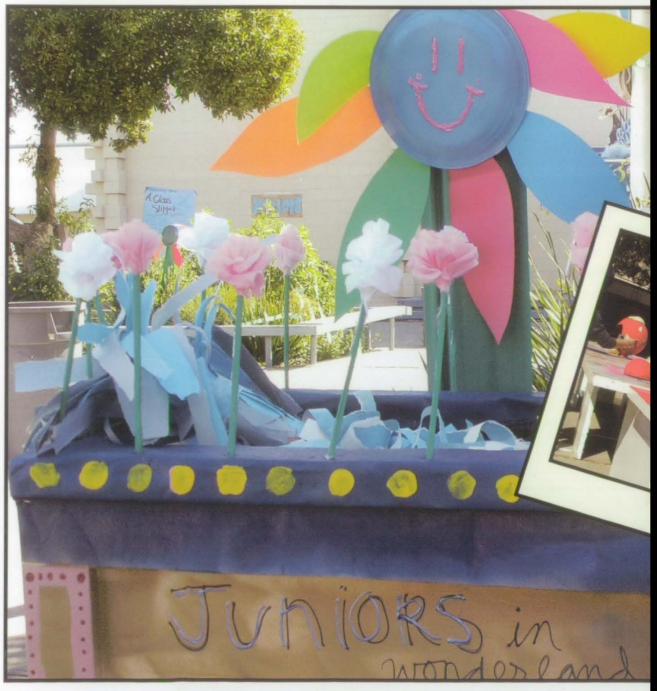


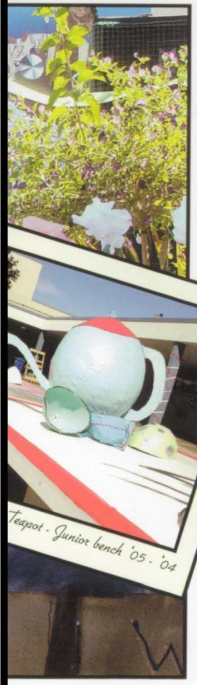
The Cat of the Shire
The Cheshire Cat smiles down from one of the trees. The props were such exact replicas it felt like the real thing. *Photo by: Joviana Carrillo*

Smiles Grow in Wonderland
As the juniors decorate the courtyard, they add their own planter box to the scene. The flowers were made out of pink and white tissue paper and painted twigs. *Photo by: Joviana Carrillo*

Eat Me!
None of the cookies indicated which would make you grow, shrink, or be happy. It was a good thing no one tried to eat any of them. *Photo by: Pamela Hung*



Off with their Heads!



Juniors set up a courtyard wonderland

By Pamela Hung

What is so great about waking up at an inhumane time in the morning to go to SCHOOL of all places? No cars on the road, and green lights all the way! Actually that was not the reason 20 or so juniors gathered in the courtyard during the junior day of Spirit Week. The real reason was to construct an unforgettable bench.

Most of the juniors had their licenses and didn't have to rely on their parents for an early ride to school. That also meant they had to get up on their own and hope the power would not go out and kill James Grant's alarm clock.

A few hours before most people's alarms went off, a group of dedicated juniors started to load tons and tons of cardboard into the Irvington courtyard. The junior bench was to be set up before the rest of the Viking population arrived at school.

Being the first day of Spirit Week, things were a bit panicky. With some tangled string of cards, chairs not tall enough, and a few missing people, "It was chaotic," stated Amanda Lindemann. But at the sound of the bell, the welcome signs were up, the card problem was solved, and everything was set up. Alice's legs found the right sized house, and the Cheshire Cat was spotted in a few trees.

Sandra Lujan
Perla Luna
Justin Lunday
Alexander Lykins
Shaina Mabalo

Angelica Maclel
Jennifer Magana
Uyen Mai
Vu Mai
Naina Makker

Tara Makker
Roberto Maldonado
Divya Malik
Pamela Mar
Johnpaul Mariano

Estela Martin
Gabriel Martinez
Ilyssa Martinez
Yesenia Martinez
Melissa Martorella

Roni Matar
Marie Matarlo
Kevin May
Michael Mayes
Cristena McAndrews

Joshua McCulloch
Christopher McIver
James McKinney
Jennifer Medina
Jonathan Melbourne

Korrine Mello
Grant Miller
Jason Miller
Madison Miller
Sheryl Minyen

Stephen Miranda
Byron Mo
Mohammad Mojadidi
Sydney Montroy
Edgar Mora
Monica Morales
Janiece Moreau
Michael Mosher
Weijie Mu
Shane Murchison
Jaelee Mustain

Mitra Naima
Farrah Naqvi
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Steve Nguyen
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Teresa Nigro
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Shreya Oswal
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Daniel Park
Mathew Pasqual
Jacquelin Patrick
Christopher Pedagat

Andrew Peixoto
Chelsea Pennelly
Regina Perelman
Fernando Perez
Leana Perez
Nayely Perez
John Perkins
Kramer Peterson
Andy Pham
Tiffanie Pham
Kevin Phan

Amanda Polli
David Potter
Lindsey Poulton
Vikram Prakash
Michael Pride
Melody Prince
Kristina Punwani
Usman Qasim
Cathy Qu
Rosemarie Quiniones
Mustafa Rafique

David Ramirez
Steven Randolph
Pavan Ravipati
Andrew Regopoulos
Woo Rha
Robert Rios
David Rippee'
Christian Rivera
Jayson Roberts
Jasmine Robles
Jose Robles

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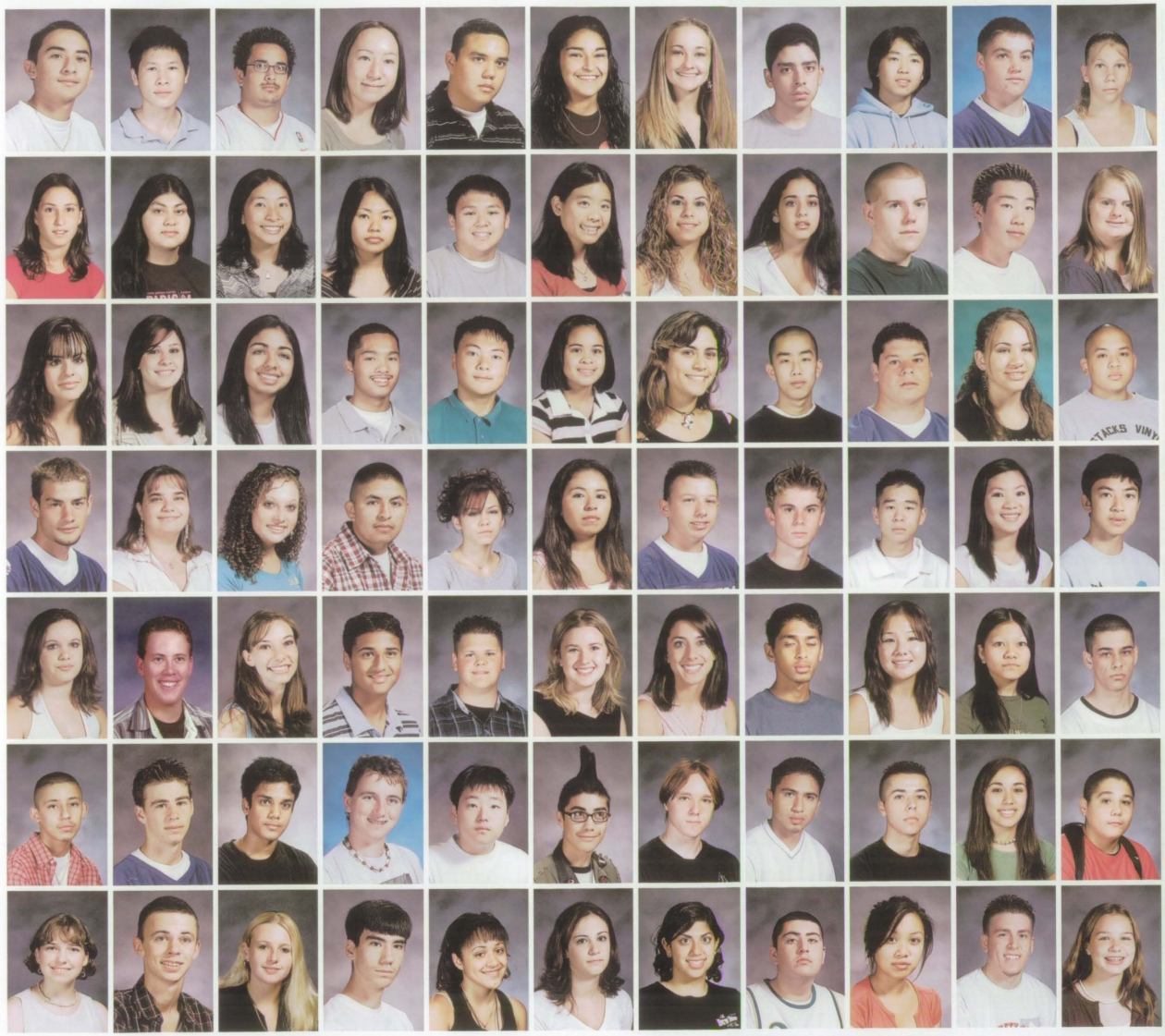


Tweedle Dee, Tweedle Dance

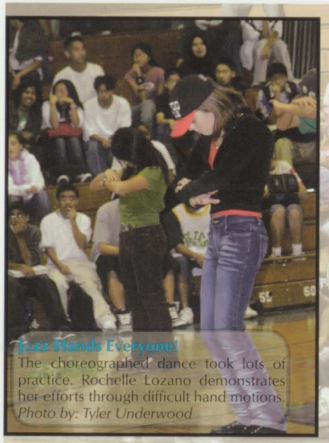
Juniors Escape from the Queen's Garden By Kevin Phan

Gasp
The Cheshire Cat, Aubrey Burnham, leads Alice, Kimberly Harrison, through the Irvington Forest. The girls were the two main characters in the junior skit. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*

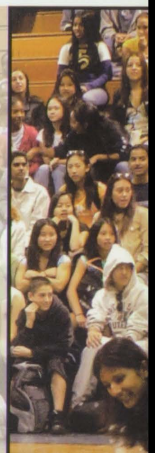
I went through hours of intense practice to learn both of the junior dances. Twice a week, I was at the gym learning moves like "the lawnmower" or "the goldfish." This year we used a new plan to get more people involved. People that didn't have experience in dance did the electric slide. Jessica Ji said, "The individual moves weren't hard to remember, but putting it all together was hard."

At the end of fourth period I had sweaty palms and was shaking with nervousness. As soon as the bell rang I scrambled from to the gym and grabbed a tree branch. Soon, the skit started and I took my place as a tree behind the Queen of Hearts. To get past the Queen of Hearts Alice, Kim Harrison, had to beat the queen in a game of football, and that was when the familiar sounds of "Lets Get Started" began.

I ran into position and even after all that practice the speed of the dance startled me. It was actually very easy to dance once I got into it. I felt the energy from the rest of the dancers and the crowd, and it didn't matter if I messed up. All that was important was that I was having more fun than the people who were in the stands. Alice managed to score the winning touchdown, waking her from her dream. The second part of the dance, "Sweet Dreams," played and people swarmed to the center of the gym. I counted off the beat in my head and started the electric slide. "Right, stomp, left, stomp, back, step, and swing," I counted off in my head. In the end I just gave up trying and followed what everyone else was doing. I even added my own spin on the electric slide and some extreme dipping was done. We ended the skit in a mesh of junior spirit.



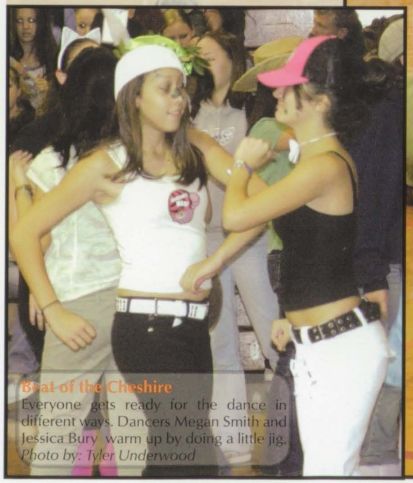
Face Hands Everyone!
The choreographed dance took lots of practice. Rochelle Lozano demonstrates her efforts through difficult hand motions. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*



"Joya and I mostly came up with the dance moves and it was really exciting teaching during Spirit Week. Joya, Priyam, James, and I came up with silly names for the dance moves such as "The lawnmower."

Kimberly Wyant | 11

Driving the Vikings Wild
During the dance, Ketakee Kane bops her head to get the crowd riled up. Ketakee was one of the many students to learn the advanced dance. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*



Brat of the Cheshire
Everyone gets ready for the dance in different ways. Dancers Megan Smith and Jessica Bury warm up by doing a little jig. *Photo by: Tyler Underwood*

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Jonathan Scott
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Matthew Sellers
Gabrielle Semplar

Melody Sesma
Ankur Shah
Sarah Shahid
Ali Shaikh
Zafir Shaiq

Shaila Shankar
Sonali Shanker
Derrick Shannon
Dennis Shao
Aditi Sharma

Sarah Sheikh
Jeremy Shepherd
Aditi Sherikar
Pavel Shokun
Cory Short

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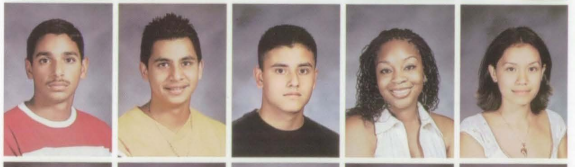
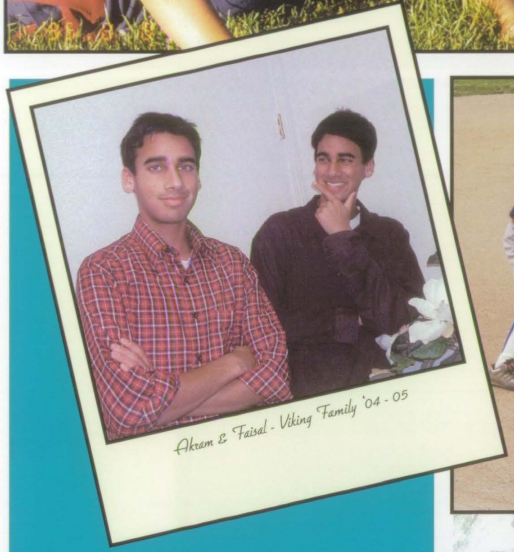


Derek Smith
Kelly Smith
Robert Smith
Wesley Smith
Kathleen Smoak

Identically Different
The younger versions of Faisal and Akram looked more alike than now. They were dressed similarly but in different colors so their parents could tell them apart. *Photo: Courtesy of Akram and Faisal Uraizee*



Akram & Faisal - Viking Family '04 - 05

A Pair of Aces

The Best of Friends that Happen Look Alike

By Miina Tikkanen

Have you ever wondered what it would feel like to share everything, including parents, age and birthday - even how you LOOK? That's the question Akram and Faisal Uraizee have the answer to. Akram and Faisal are fraternal twins.

Akram and Faisal don't see each other as a mirror but rather as normal brothers. They get along well, hang out together, and have many of the same friends.

SAGA: Do people get confused when they see you?

Akram & Faisal: At first yes, but our friends have learned to tell the difference. Sometimes it's weird when random people come to say hi as they think they are talking to the other one.

SAGA: Can you read each others' minds?

A&F: We have a certain kind of a connection, because sometimes we finish each others' sentences, or can predict what the other one is going to say.

SAGA: What school activities do you participate in?

A&F: Tennis and several clubs. We started the cricket club and are the presidents of it. In tennis we play doubles.

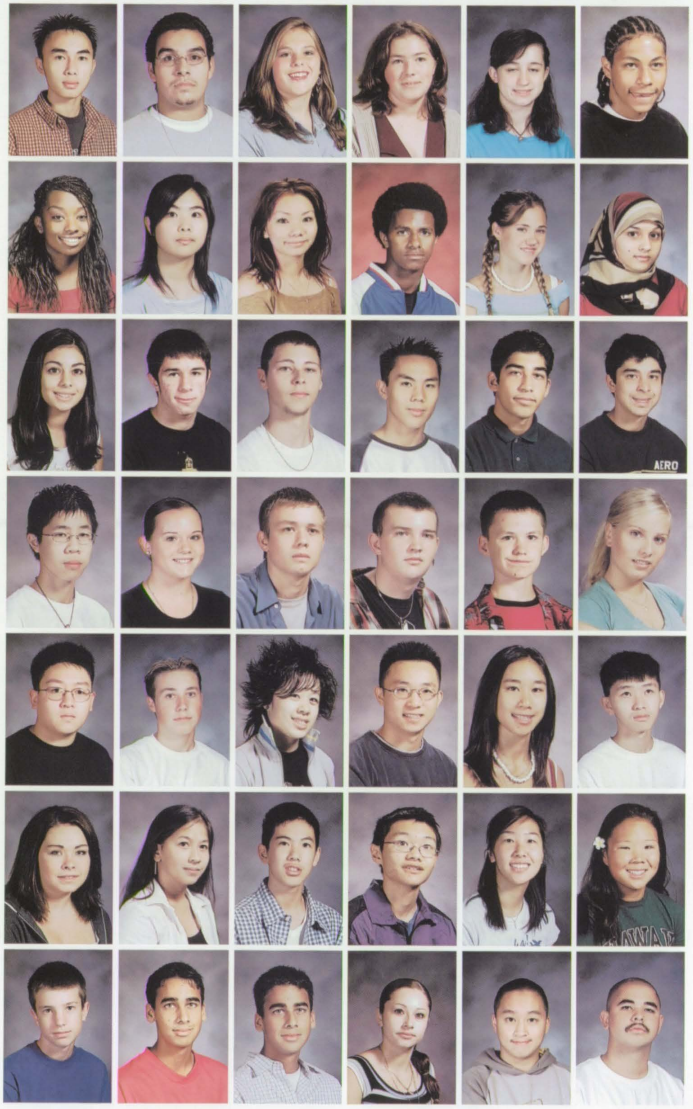
SAGA: Do you compete at school?

A&F: Not really. Our grades can vary during year but at the end they are the same.

SAGA: Have you ever wished you weren't twins?

A&F: Not actually. Being twins is an advantage for us, because there are lots of things we couldn't do alone. We support each other.

In their own league.
Standing in the infield, Akram is prepared to catch the ball. "We were really good players together because I always knew where Faisal was going to throw the ball", Akram tells. *Photo: Courtesy of Akram*



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Andre Storm

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Yasuko Suzuki
Steven Swaby-Clacken
Bonnie Swartz
Hiba Syeda

Afsanah Tafreshi
Jamil Tahirkheli
Kevin Talley
Renald Tamse
Nitin Tandan
Vickram Tandon

Alex Tang
Mary Tarbert
David Taube
Ricky Thompson
David Thomson
Miina Tikkanen

Michael Tom
William Tomblin
Cindy Tran
Kevin Tran
Kristin Tran
Todd Tran

Morissa Trosclair
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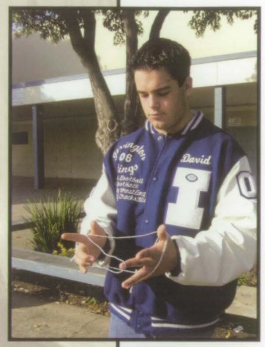

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Bradley Wheeler
Mary Wheeler

Katherine Whitaker
John Whitfield
Brian Whittaker
Melissa Wilcox
Jennifer Wong
Stephanie Wong

Jeffery Wright
Jenny Wu
Kimberly Wyant
Evan Xian
Pritesh Yadvendu
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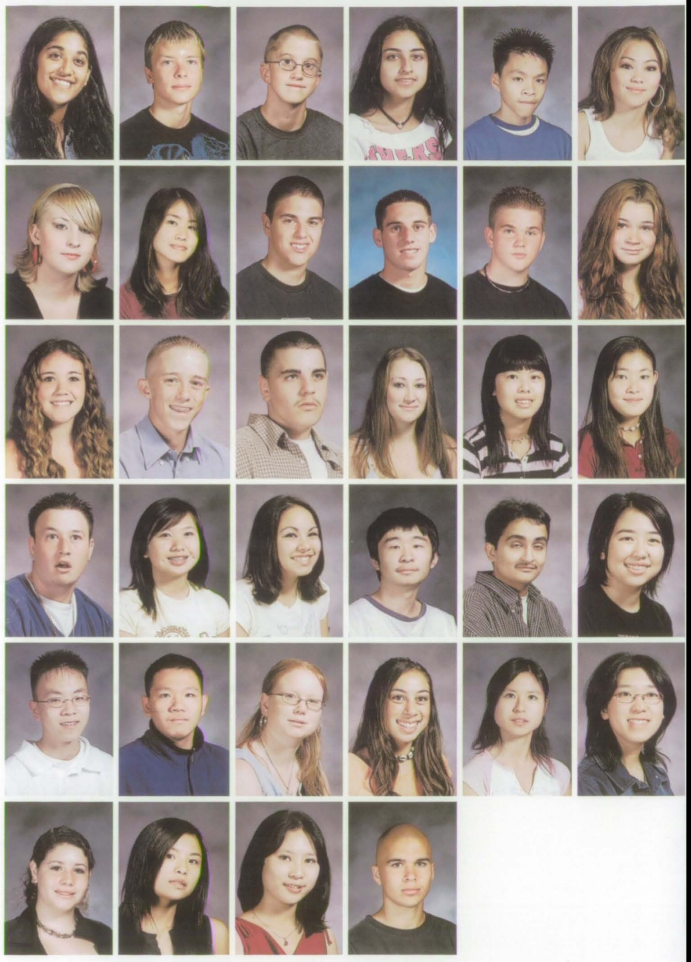
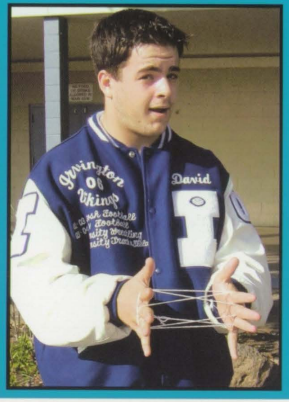


What Are You?

If you could choose any inanimate object to represent you or something you've done, what would it be?
By Kevin Phan & Pamela Hung

David Cosgrove



"I chose a rope because it reminds me of the fun I had during wrestling. Every other week, we would run up Mission Peak. One week, we tied each other together like mountain climbers and scaled Mission Peak. We ended falling all over the place."

Shaina Mabalo

"I would want to be a pencil so I can draw and write like crazy. I finished making the backdrop for Cinderella. It was my own creation, and it took two weeks, day and night, after school, six days a week. I'm really proud that it's going to be in the show."

Sheryl Minyen

"I'd be an egg beater because I'm crazy and always going in different directions. I was on the wrestling team, gymnastics team, ASB, Youth Alive and I just got a job. I have an active social life. We go out every weekend and get pie after seeing a movie. We love pie."

John Perkins

"I'd be a football because if I can't be a player, I want to be part of the game. During the Freshman year, when I called huddle, my voice got really squeaky, and everyone made fun of me."

Cathy Qu

"I am really scared of balloons because I always feel like they're going to pop. I hate the noises they make when they pop or bump against each other. In all my experiences with them I've always either been squinting, running away, or screaming. One specific experience was during Homecoming. When the balloons fell from the ceiling, I ran out like crazy and couldn't dance to my favorite song, 'Yeah' by Usher."

Jasmine Chung

"I choose a cast because when I was little I was on top of a couch playing and I fell off and broke my arm. My brother was playing in the playground and he fell, so he broke his arm! Everybody in my family has gotten into a car accident."

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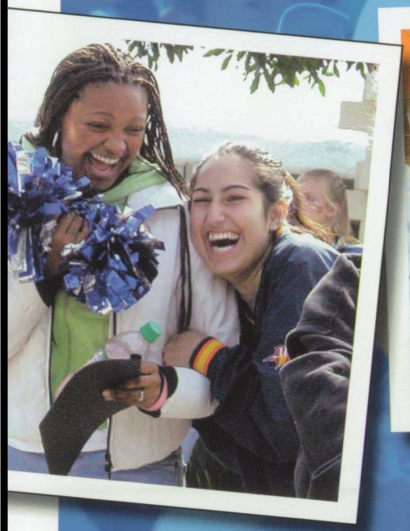


Seniors

class of 2005

The Ringmasters of the Circus

Leading the Class of '05

By Tiffany Nunes

Alison King and Alison Nielsen are the two ringleaders that are in charge of the senior class.

Alison Nielsen, senior class president, had been on ASB for two years before taking on the responsibility of her entire class. Her job consisted of planning Senior Ball, helping with Spirit Week, and managing business within the class. "It got stressful at times, but I didn't do this job for myself, I did it for the class," Alison said.

In addition to ASB, she was the president of the Spanish Club, part of Site Council, played volleyball, had a part time job which included babysitting.

Alison King was the senior class vice president. As a second year ASB member, she was responsible for Spirit Week, helping with Senior Ball, and working with Alison to manage the senior class. Alison was also a part of MeCHA and had an after school job teaching swim lessons to kids.

The two girls were successful in completing their goals as they led their class to a triple crown, making the seniors the first class to successfully win triple crown.

Alison King commented, "It feels good that it's over and that all of our hard work paid off in the end."

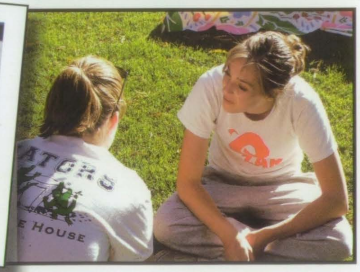
Following Orders
"It's really easy to work with Alison Nielsen because she's really focused and tells me what to do and all I have to do is what she tells me," laughs Alison King.
Photo by: Tiffany Nunes

Behind the Scenes
Benches take a lot of time and planning to put together. Alison Nielsen and Alison King met every day during benchbuilding to discuss the progress being made and figure out what else needed to be done. *Photo by: Tiffany Nunes*

FOOT FRENZY

In order to set up the train station, we had to put the sections together. As we were doing that, one of the wooden crates fell on my foot and ended up bruising the bone. I had to walk around in an ugly boot for a few weeks but winning made it worth the pain.

Alison King | 12



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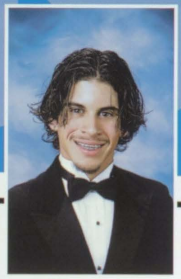

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David Arrison

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Kathleen Ashley

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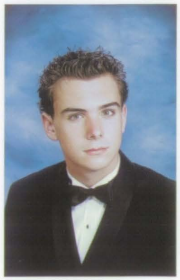

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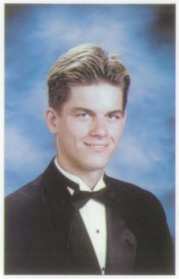

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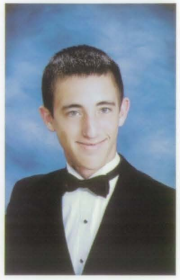


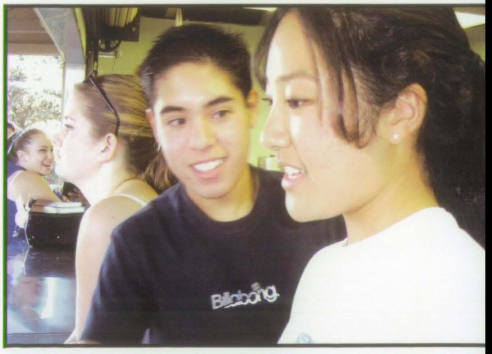
Timothy Camara

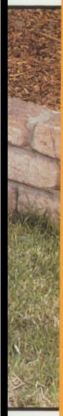
Strokes of '05
Getting into the spirit, Sonia Hingrajia paints Hi-5 on Nicole Fernandes' back. There's no such thing as too much spirit. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

Making the Cut
The senior class council acts as the backbone in the bench building process. Noelle Blanco, Lillian Shaw and Fanny Koloko-Green dedicated hours of their time to make the flag for the top of the circus tent. *Photo by: Brienne Peixoto*

Making the Difference
Claudia Esquivel helps out with benchbuilding by painting a cut-out. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

Bringing in the Dough
As seen on the right, Corey Fujioka, Garrett Santo, and Alison King work the snack bar at one of the football games. *Photo by: Tiffany Nunes*





The Class Clowns

Senior Class Council Pulls it Together

By Brienne Peixoto

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Senior council is the class council with the most on their hands. Planning for Spirit Week, Senior Ball, and other senior activities takes up the time of these dedicated students.

SAGA: How do you think you have improved Irvington?

Amanda Winkley: I think that I have improved Irvington by supporting the sporting events. I have also gone to student council meetings, and I am a part of it this year.

Corey Fujioka: I have improved Irvington by being involved in clubs and sports, but mostly by being in ASB and class council. Being in class council has pushed me to help do things around IHS for the better good of the school and the community with service activities.

SAGA: What was the most difficult obstacle you encountered?

Amanda Winkley: I think the hardest thing is getting people involved because a lot of the kids here are "too cool" to do anything.

Corey Fujioka: The most difficult thing I've encountered in class council is probably just juggling class council and school. Being able to focus on school and being involved with benchbuilding along with fundraising stuff was a struggle, but in the end it was so much fun.

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Catherine Cariaga

Taryn Cariaga

Tobias Carothers

Melissa Casas

Manika Casterline

Anna Chan

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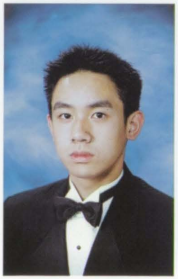

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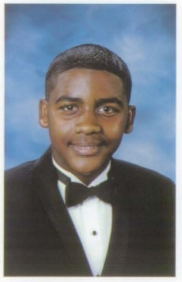

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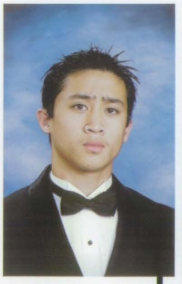

Alexander Dao

Planning the Escape

The Senior Class Builds Up Their Surprise

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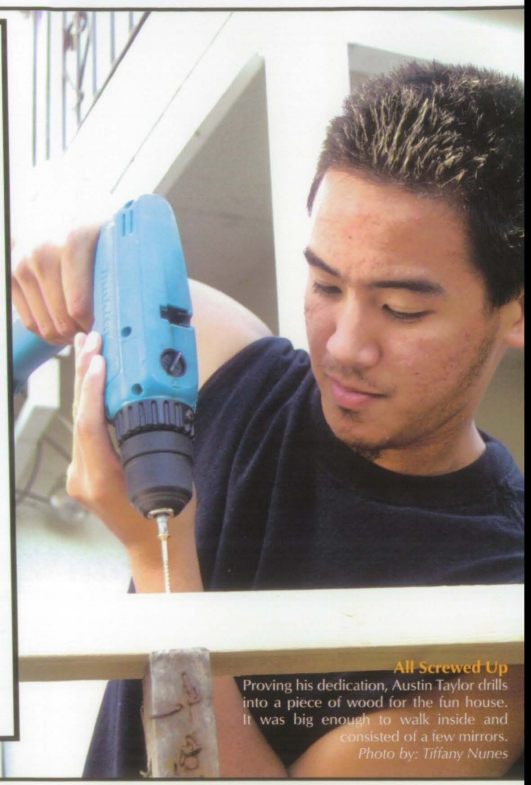


All Screwed Up
Proving his dedication, Austin Taylor drills into a piece of wood for the fun house. It was big enough to walk inside and consisted of a few mirrors.
Photo by: Tiffany Nunes

By Tiffany Nunes

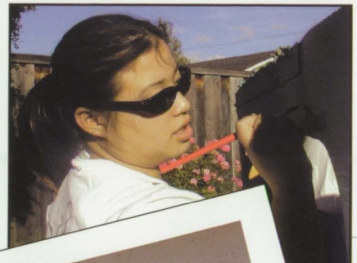
Placing first in the bench category, it was apparent that the seniors worked hard.

Benchbuilding took place at Tawny Schrodetzki and Alison Nielsen's houses after school. The seniors took advantage of their last chance to get involved. As the end got near, dozens of people started showing up.

"It was really fun - you get to interact with people you never see and make new friends. It took a lot of work and we had doubts but it came out to be a huge success in the end," says Nicole Maxwell.

SPIRITED SENIORS

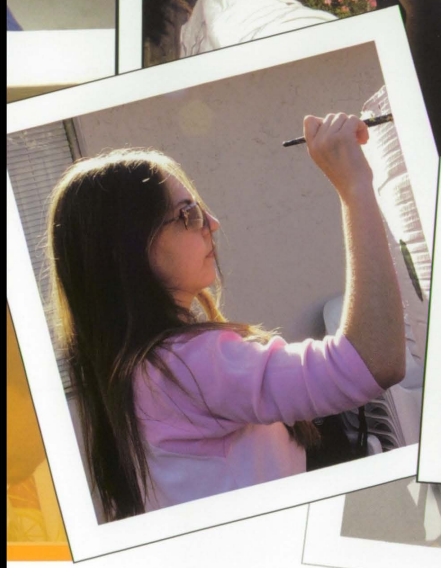
Determined to win triple crown, seniors tried to be as spirited as possible by participating in the senior dress up days. Many people tried to find costumes by going to Thrift Town. Melissa Hill was among some of the people looking for a costume for Senior Citizen Day. In addition to clothes, some seniors bought silver hair spray and gaudy jewelry in order to add a little flare to their costumes.



A Train Entrapment
Each character from each class got its own train car. Diligently, Noelle Blanco paints the junior car, where Alice was placed inside. *Photo by: Tiffany Nunes*

Pimp My Train
The train cars were arranged in long lines throughout the courtyard. Holding her hand steady, Stephanie Walker paints one of the cars. *Photo by: Tiffany Nunes*

A Firery Frame
The bench included a burning building from the movie *Dumbo*. William McIntosh builds the frame for the 8 foot tall building. *Photo by: Tiffany Nunes*



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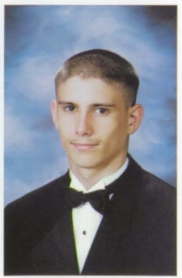

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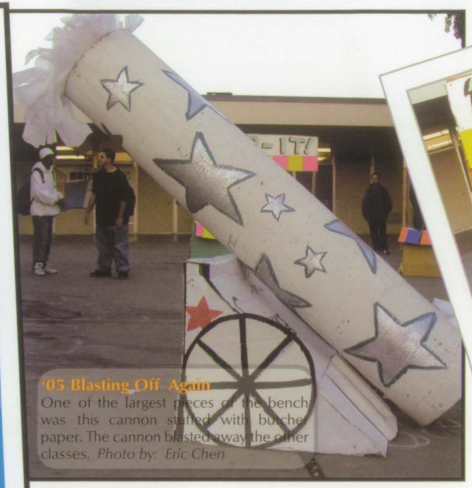
The Circus is in Town

Not Your Average House of Mirrors



'05 Blasting Off Again
One of the largest pieces of the bench was this cannon stuffed with butcher paper. The cannon blasted away the other classes. *Photo by: Eric Chen*

By Matthew Joens

Rumor always had it that seniors were crazy, but nothing said "we need to be locked up" more than this year's senior entourage of Dumbo. An hour before school started, senior cars were already racing up and down the streets, blaring their horns in a modern Egyptian-metropolitian-like manner.

When the mayhem of this finally cleared, they came out...and they weren't dressed as elephants. No, instead the school was quickly overrun by clowns who went as far as tying up Ms. Karen Martens and dragging her through the halls. The clowns swarmed to every corner of the school, chanting what could have easily been mistaken as a clown war cry. Two hundred pairs of huge pants and technicolored afros later, the seniors marched forward to put on a circus performance that gave even the Ringling Brothers a healthy dose of envy. The clowns were in town that day, and definitely left their mark.

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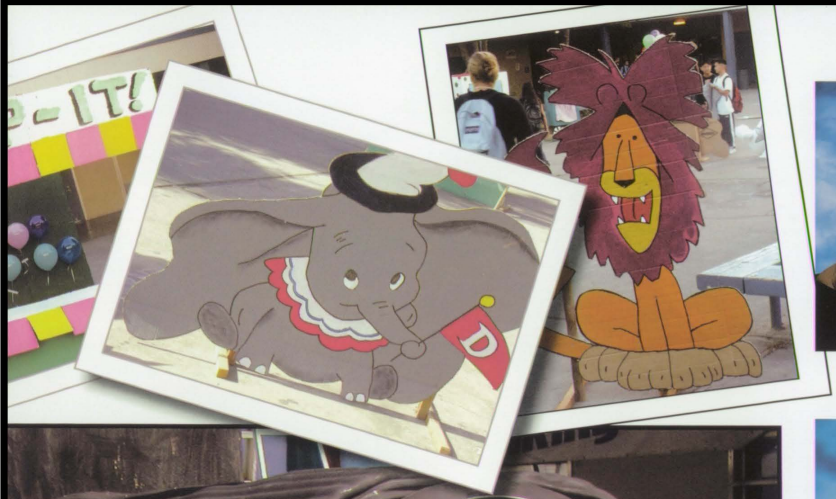

The Little Engine That Could
In the movie Dumbo the train was called Casey Jr. To make make it fit bench, the seniors changed its name to Casey Senior.
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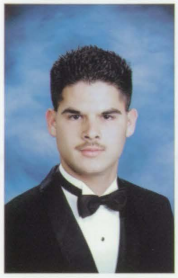


Raymond Gonzales

Jeffrey Gonzalez

Alexis Green

Carly Green

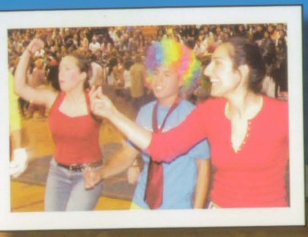
Julia Green

Kathryn Gullion

Jason Hale

Dancing Like a Pink Elephant

Skit and Dance Helps Clinch Triple Crown

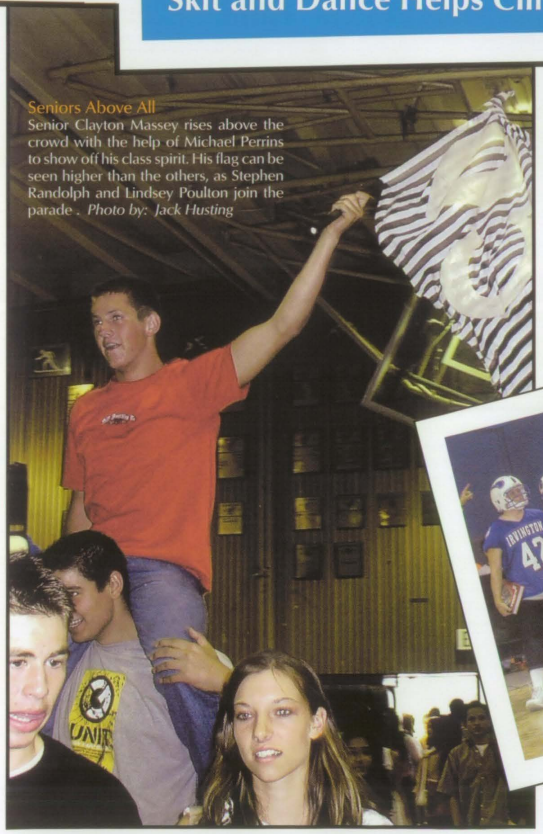


Just Clownin' Around
Dancing to "Hey Mama," Mindy Lindsay, Garrett Santo, and Sarah Khanghahi keep the rhythm. The dancers are dressed in clown theme costumes. *Photo by: Matthew Mountford*

By Tiffany Nunes

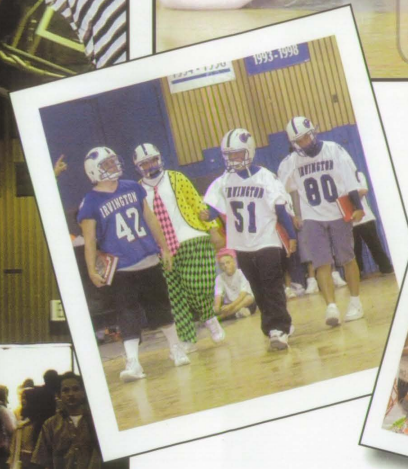
With a victory in the skit and dance category, the seniors overwhelmed the school with their circus act. The skit started out with a competition within a circus. The competitors, Irvington and Logan, were trying to beat each other at hula dancing, basketball, and hula hooping. The Vikings had an easy victory in each competition, but the real entertainment came when the teachers, representing Logan, competed in a dance competition.

After watching the teachers clown around, the senior class showed them what dancing really looks like. Nicole Maxwell choreographed the dance to "Hey Mama" by the Black Eyed Peas, in which dozens of seniors participated in, including several guys. "It was pretty cool seeing our class come together and dance like that," comments Clayton Massey. When the dance was over, the seniors all ran to the middle of the gym to dance and chant. The skit and dance ended with the seniors forming a train of people and taking it outside to the courtyard.



Seniors Above All
Senior Clayton Massey rises above the crowd with the help of Michael Perrins to show off his class spirit. His flag can be seen higher than the others, as Stephen Randolph and Lindsey Poulton join the parade . *Photo by: Jack Husting*

The Circus Comes to Town
The Ringleader David Parsons introduces the performers of the circus. The performers sit, eager to show their talents. *Photo by: Jack Husting*



When The Clowns Come Marchin' In
During the rally, Nick Perlegos, Drew Tindall, Benjamin Palmberg, and Daniel Morrissey march into the gym showing their senior spirit. Spirit like theirs is hard to beat- it's no wonder the seniors won the Triple Crown. *Photo by: Jack Husting*

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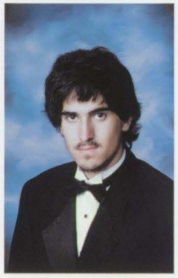
Kristin Hall



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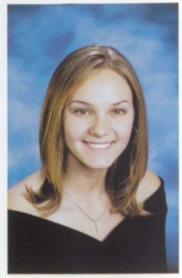

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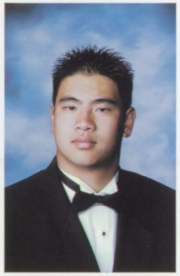

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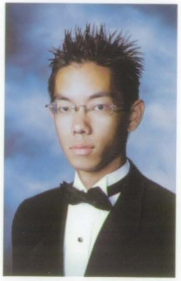

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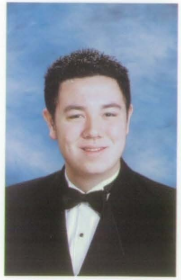

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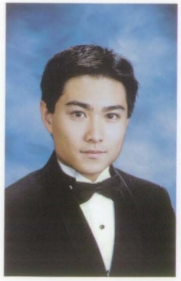

Yang Jiang

Mu-Qing Jing

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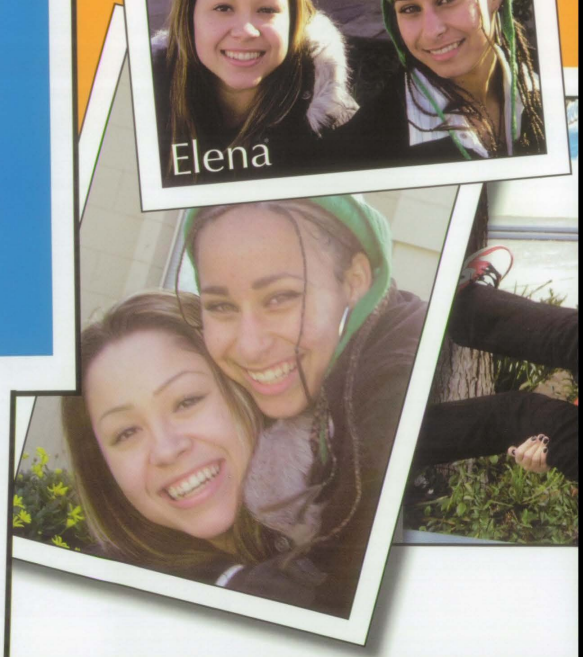
Close Enough

Elena on Nicole

Niko and I have been best friends for as long as I can remember. But after being so close for so long, we are more like sisters now. We have always been there for each other no matter what. We've never really fought, and even if we did, we would be over it and back to normal in minutes. Life is always difficult but if you have someone who always understands you, even in between sobs or screams, it makes it easier to get through. In the 12 years that we have been best friends we have grown so much- but never apart- we've just grown up.



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Nicole on Elena

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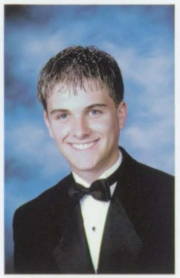
Every day I wake up knowing that Elena is there. Our deep connected friendship could never be detached by anything. We've lived many eras together sharing memories back since kindergarten. She isn't just a best friend, she is a sister. We have a strong connection that I think no other friendship has ever shared. My family is her family, and her family is mine. I couldn't live without her. We have had our little arguments, but we never got to the point of not talking at all. We never will let go because we understand each other. Although we have many differences and we express our individuality in separate ways, we get along extremely well and we enjoy our differences. It makes our friendship unique. We have a psychological connection - it's funny when we know what we're thinking without having to say a word - we know by just looking at each other. We always laugh after because we both know "the look." My best experiences and memories are always shared with her. Whatever we choose to do after high school we both know that our friendship and sisterhood will continue throughout the years."

Sarah Jo



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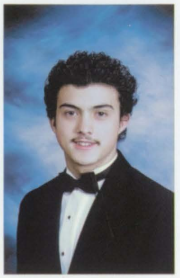

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Ashley Jones

Brynn Jonutz

Rashmi Joshi

Olivia Juaroz

Grant Karrle

Zain Kassamali

Kirandeep Kaur

Navjot Kaur

Ramanjot Kaur

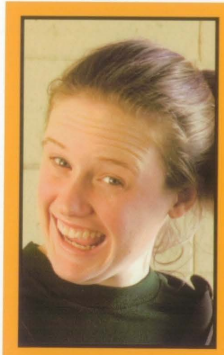
Dreams May Come True

Who would you have a night of romance with and why?

By Brienne Peixoto & Pamela Hung

"It would have to be with Jennifer Aniston, because she was married to Brad Pitt, and he's a fox."

Casey Blair



Sean Biggerstaff. Because he has a Scottish accent, and he's so sexy. Plus he wears a kilt. That's hot!

Donna Androwsky

My girl friend Christina Balbiani because she is sweet and I love her.

Brandon Martin

Owen Wilson because his nose has character and his movies are really funny.

Amy Cook

It would have to be Ryan Phillippe. He's the hottest thing that ever had two legs. And hopefully he could teach me some tricks about "acting."

Taryn Cariaga

James Smith

Jenna Jameson. She is the finest female on the face of this planet. It would also be very symbolic to me, to gain more first hand information about her profession.

Baasil Khan

Irram Khan

Mehdi Khan

Sarah Khanghahi

Sarah Kim

Alison King

Jesse Kleinsasser

Raymun Kohli

Fanny Koloko-Green

Jessica Krauhs

Hazel Laguardia

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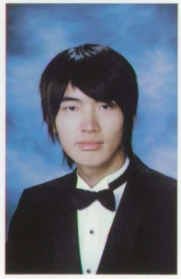

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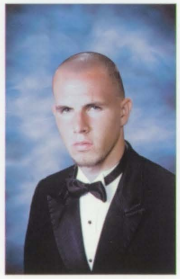
Travis Lindsley

Mark Loeswick



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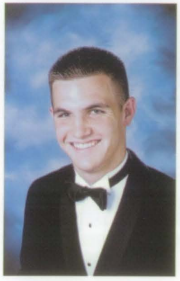

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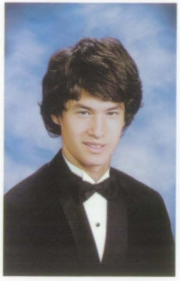

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Clayton Massey

A Balancing Act

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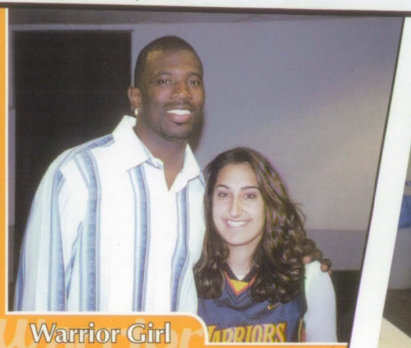
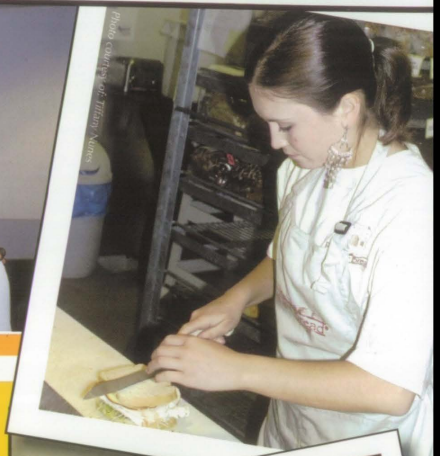


Warrior Girl

Although she doesn't get paid, Sarah Khanghahi earned a year long internship with the Goldenstate Warriors in the area of community relations. Between her internship and season tickets, she's met many players, including Gilbert Arenas, Bobby Sura, and Jason Richardson, as pictured above. *Photo courtesy of: Sarah Khanghahi*



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Rollin' in the Dough

Since she's a huge fan of carbohydrates, Tiffany Nunes chose to work at the House of Bread. She works on the weekends helping with kid's tours, special orders, and dealing with customers.

Hand in Hand

Making Frappuccinos, espressos, and brewing coffee keeps Christina Balbiani and Courtney Sherman busy at the Warm Springs Starbucks. Both girls have been working there for over a year.

Photo by: Tiffany Nunes

Moving to the Groove

With over 12 years of dancing, including competitions, Michelle Clegg teaches ballet, tap, and jazz classes at Yoko's Dance and Performing Arts Academy. Here she shows two girls the principles of ballet.

Photo by: Tiffany Nunes

Senior year is the limbo land of allowance. You're old enough to get a job but still cute enough to get some cash out of your parents. While some seniors decide to invest in Botox to keep them looking cute, others decided to get out into the real world and get a "J-O-B". These strange things allow seniors to get cash without having to grovel to their parents.

We're Working Hard!

Money Man
With a salary averaging $60 an hour, Johnson Jeng consults different start-up companies with their marketing material. He specializes in graphic design, and has worked with over eight companies. Left, he explains different aspects of maketing to one of his employees.
Photo courtesy of: Johnson Jeng

John Mathias

Kavitha Mattaparthi

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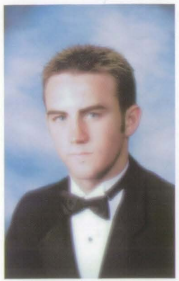

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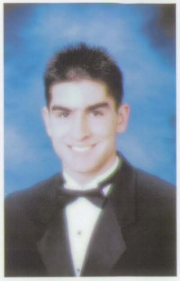

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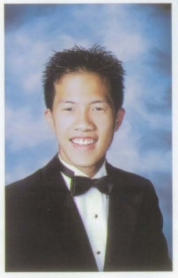

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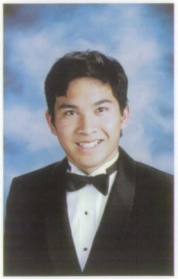

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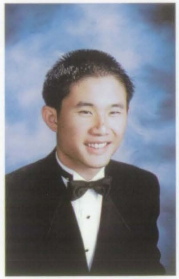

Hung Nguyen

Khang Nguyen

Mimi Nguyen

Xander Nguyen

Matching Lost Cars and Their Lovers

We loved matchbox cars when we were small. We watched them zoom over the coasters and papers on the table. Seniors now can get the feeling of matchbox cars on a bigger scale.

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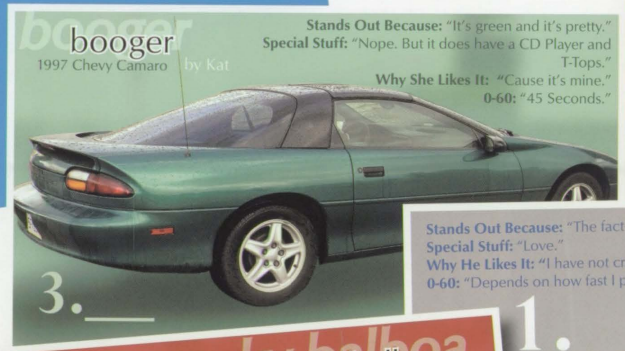
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1997 Chevy Camaro by Kat
Stands Out Because: "It's green and it's pretty."
Special Stuff: "Nope. But it does have a CD Player and T-Tops."
Why She Likes It: "Cause it's mine."
0-60: "45 Seconds."
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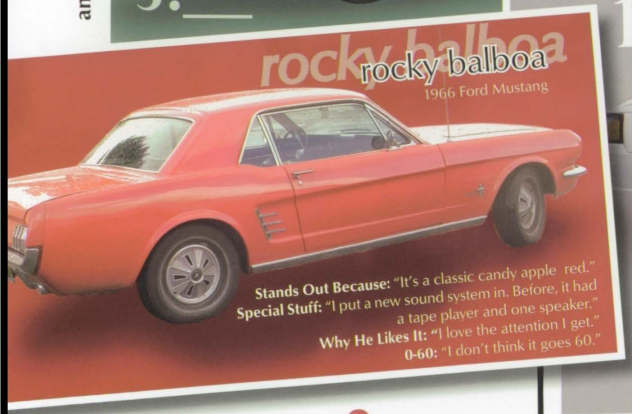
rocky balboa
1966 Ford Mustang
Stands Out Because: "It's a classic candy apple red."
Special Stuff: "I put a new sound system in. Before, it had a tape player and one speaker."
Why He Likes It: "I love the attention I get."
0-60: "I don't think it goes 60."
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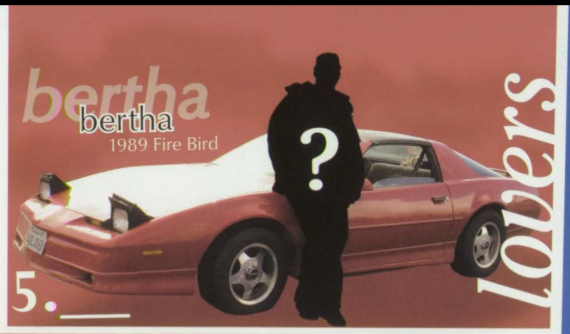
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1989 Fire Bird
Stands Out Because: "It's a really bright red."
Special Stuff: "Nothing really anymore."
Why He Likes It: "It has a picture of Sekeia Willis which helps me realize I should drive safe so I can see her face again."
0-60: "There's no sun dial slow enough to time it."
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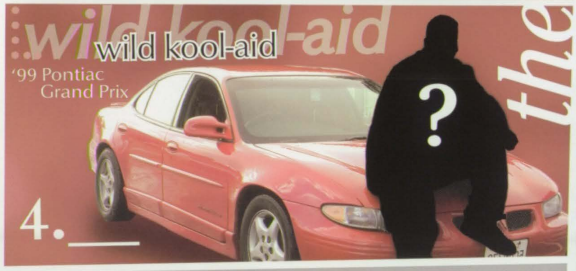
wild kool-aid
'99 Pontiac Grand Prix
Stands Out Because: "It's Coca Cola red."
Special Stuff: "Nothing really."
Why He Likes It: "I'm a big person and my car is pretty big."
0-60: ".000000008945 seconds."
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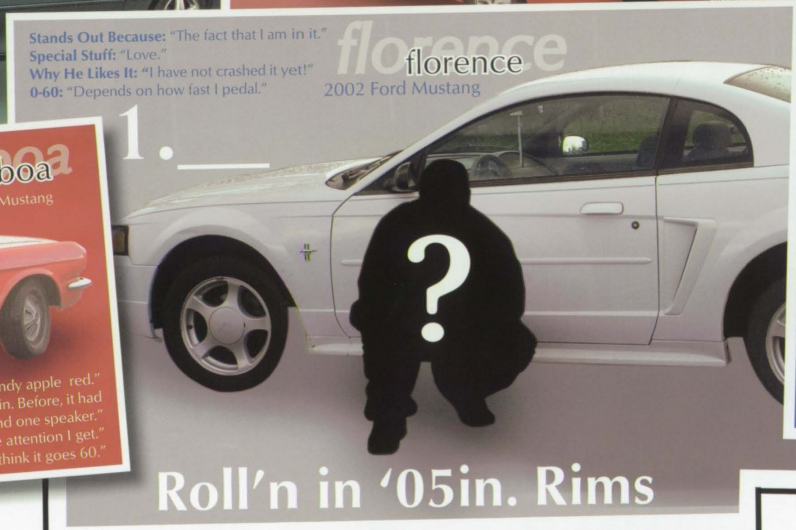
florence
2002 Ford Mustang
Stands Out Because: "The fact that I am in it."
Special Stuff: "Love."
Why He Likes It: "I have not crashed it yet!"
0-60: "Depends on how fast I pedal."
1.___
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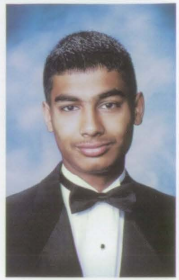

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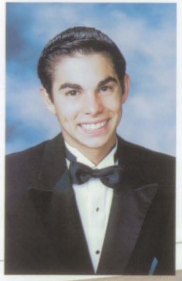

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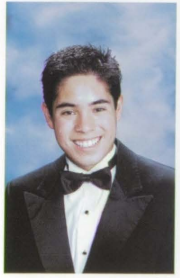

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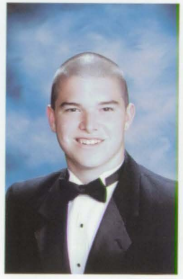

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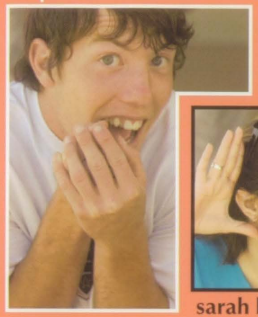

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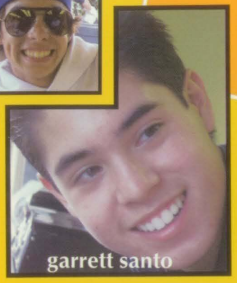

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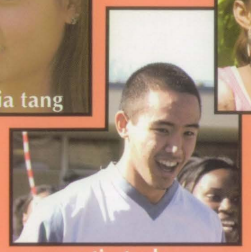

austin taylor

sekia willis

Viking Top Ten

The Viking Top Ten reflects the unique structure of '05 that has student actors, athletes, ASB leaders, and journalists.

True Blue Vikings

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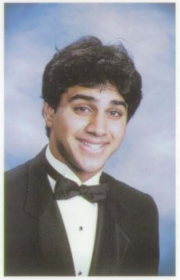
Lillian Shaw

Courtney Sherman



Priyal Sheth

Anna Shull

Melissa Siew

Vanessa Simmons

Jasvir Singh

Parul Singh

Vishakha Singla

Michael Skora

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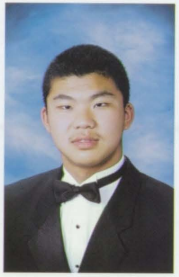

Ling Tang

Victoria Tang

Raof Tarazi

Best in the Books

Academic Top Ten

The senior class of 2005 has proven themselves over the year to be one of the most eclectic but hard working classes in IHS history.

sonia hingrajia
valedictorian

neha rajkanan

tawny schrodetzki

yao gui hu

pamela hong

jessica do

kristine lee

karen yan

victoria tang

rashmi joshi
salutatorian

2005

Seniors
2005
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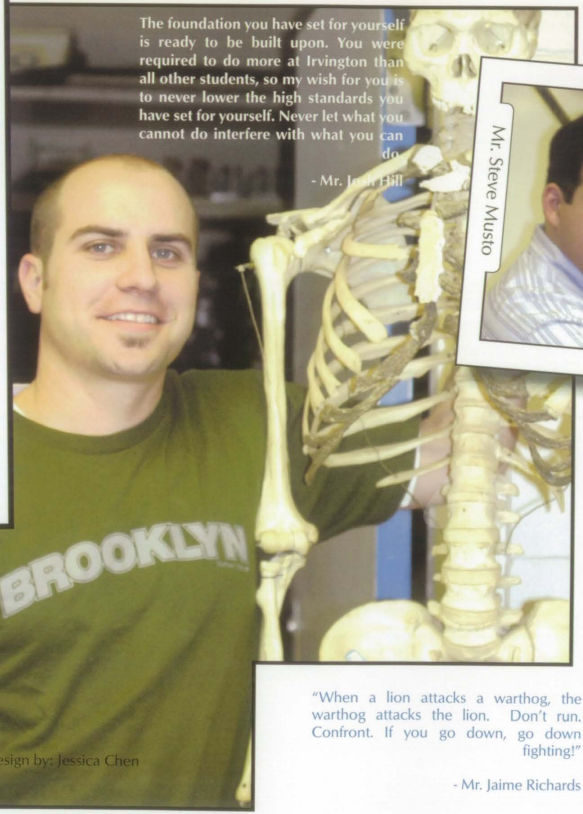
A Wave Goodbye!

Advice with a Smile :)

Farewell...

By Jessica Chen

As hard to swallow as it may seem, teachers will miss their students. With this truth uncovered and the new school year beginning in September, many teachers look forward to seeing their former students again; however, with the graduating senior, most teachers will never see the them again. So with the seniors heading off towards different successful careers and colleges, the teachers who made up half of the tough high school career leave a final inspirational farewell word to the graduating seniors.



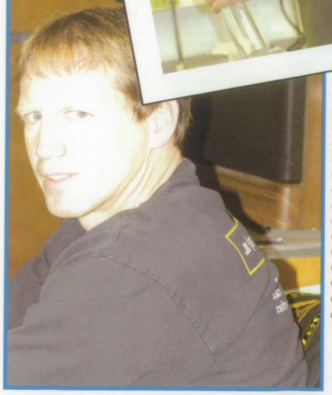
The foundation you have set for yourself is ready to be built upon. You were required to do more at Irvington than all other students, so my wish for you is to never lower the high standards you have set for yourself. Never let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.

- Mr. Jason Hill

Mr. Steve Musto

Go get power, money, and sex, but be truthful.

- Mr. Wai-Pan Chan



This class was my first at IHS. The first year was rough, with me running into walls quite often, but I'll really miss the class of '05!

- Mr. Steve Musto

"When a lion attacks a warthog, the warthog attacks the lion. Don't run. Confront. If you go down, go down fighting!"

- Mr. Jaime Richards

Congratulations Seniors! You've now finished 4 years of high school. For many of you college is your next step. I only have one simple advice for you. "Don't forget to take a 5-minute break every 2 hours of study."

-Mr. Alex Lee

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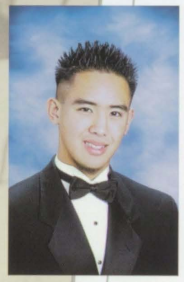

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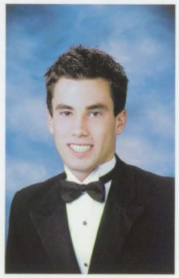

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Andrew Tindall

Jessica Toro

Roxanne Trillo

Allan Trinh

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Andrew Vargas

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Kelly Vogel

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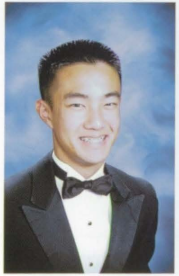

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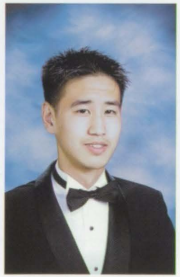
Yang Wang



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Elizabeth Wicksted

Amanda Williams

Ashley Williams

John Williams

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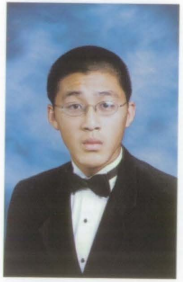

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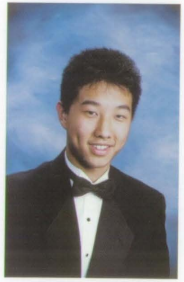

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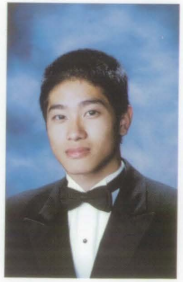

Tommy Ye

Elizabeth Yee

Aspiration and Beyond

Where We Go From Here

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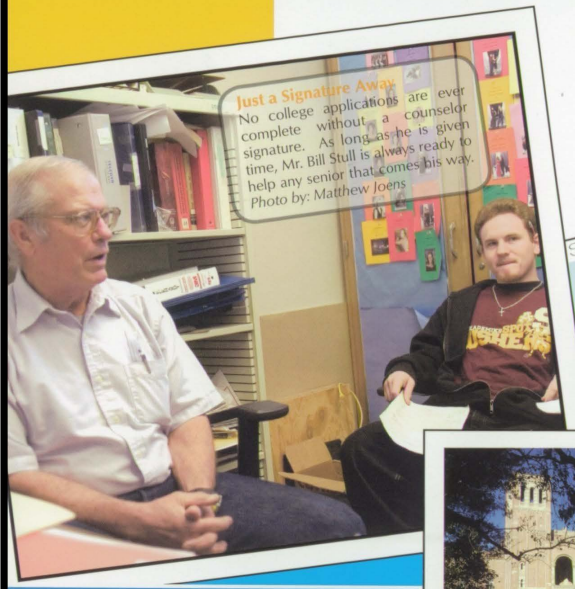
"I am looking forward to the independence of college because I'm tired of not knowing about the "real world."

- Sonia Hingrajia | 12

It's senior year at last, but there are more things than just QUEST standing in the way. After hours of late nights slaving over countless applications, many seniors plan to move onto the next level of schooling. Whether it be to get away from parents or dodge every parent's fallacious statement that not going to college will leave you living in the self-demoralizing world of flipping burgers into oblivion with no pay or family, the majority of Irvington graduates will be leaving home to start something new on their own. Although a drastic jump from high school life, this final push will be what really makes adults out of all who leave here. When these seniors make the final walk, they will step up to the final step in the pyramid of their self growth as they head off to college, the military, or a full-time job. Nevertheless, the memories made here at Irvington will always linger with these seniors wherever they go.

Planning Ahead

At one point or another, every senior has stopped by to see Ms. Linda Kimmel. Her enthusiasm and readiness to help has always been a great asset. *Photo by: Matthew Joens*



Just a Signature Away
No college applications are ever complete without a counselor signature. As long as he is given time, Mr. Bill Stull is always ready to help any senior that comes his way.
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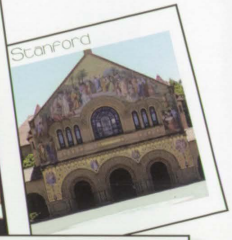

Steven Yee

Jane Yi

Cynthia Yuen

Bo Zhang

Yi Zhang

Jeffrey Zmolek

College, Where You At?

It makes no sense to make up your mind about living somewhere for four years if you haven't even seen it. Therefore, many seniors took time this year to trek across the country to visit the colleges they are considering. Senior Angel Chu shows that you can still have fun visiting colleges as she walks down the streets of LA.

Where Is Everyone Going?

Public College	43%
Private College	14%
Junior College	26%
Military	11%
Work	3%
Nothing	3%

"I am looking forward to nothing haha! My band sucks!"

- Stephen Kelleghan | 12

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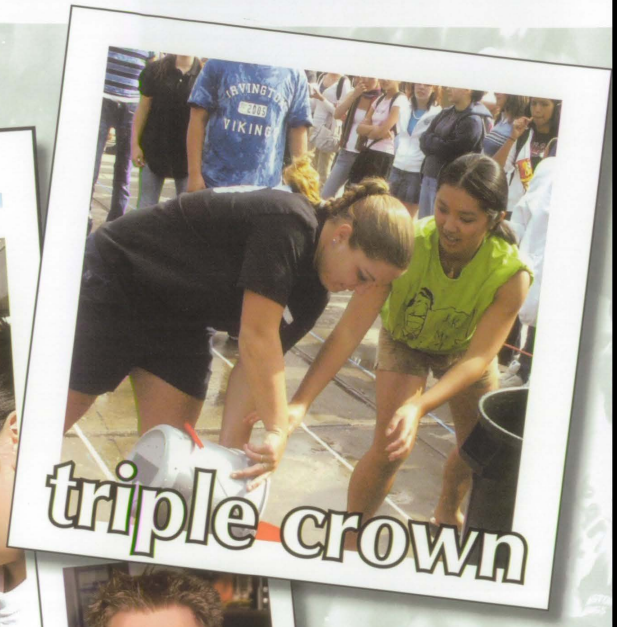
Senior Class of 2005

seniors



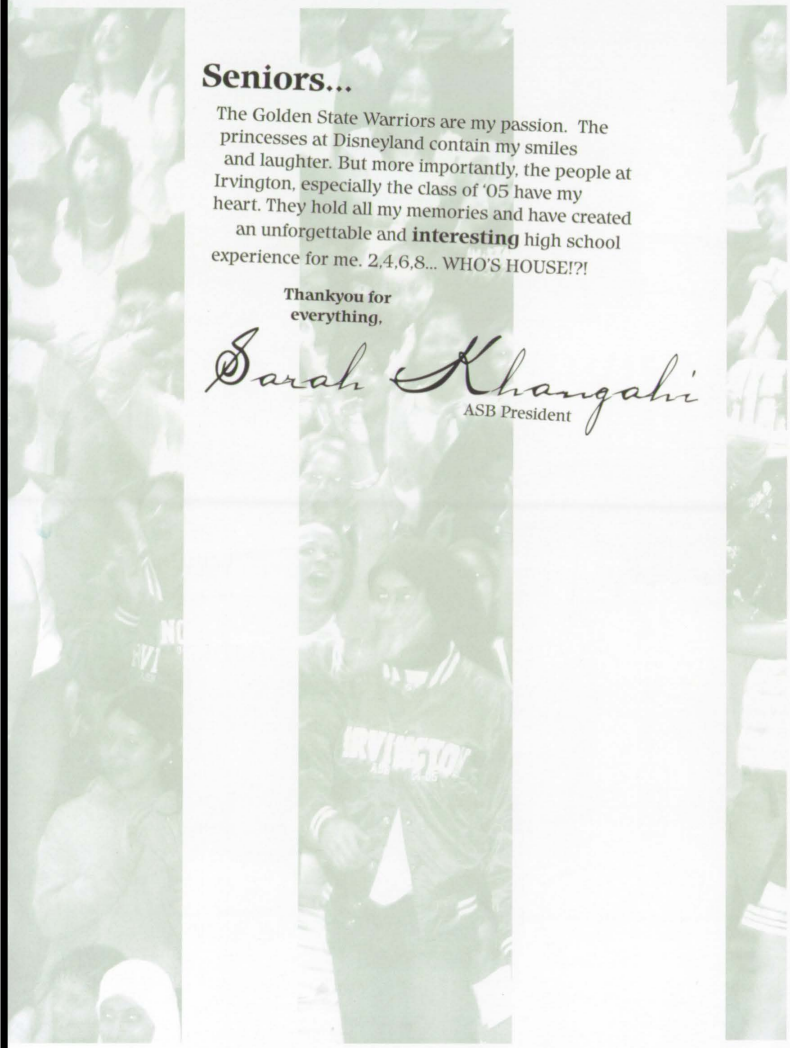
triple crown

Final Farewell

Seniors,

To see you grow up has been my privilege. From junior high through high school, I have seen them mature into amazing individuals. Thanks for sharing your lives with me.

Mr. Law



Seniors...

The Golden State Warriors are my passion. The princesses at Disneyland contain my smiles and laughter. But more importantly, the people at Irvington, especially the class of '05 have my heart. They hold all my memories and have created an unforgettable and **interesting** high school experience for me. 2,4,6,8... WHO'S HOUSE!?!

Thankyou for everything,

Sarah Khangahi

ASB President

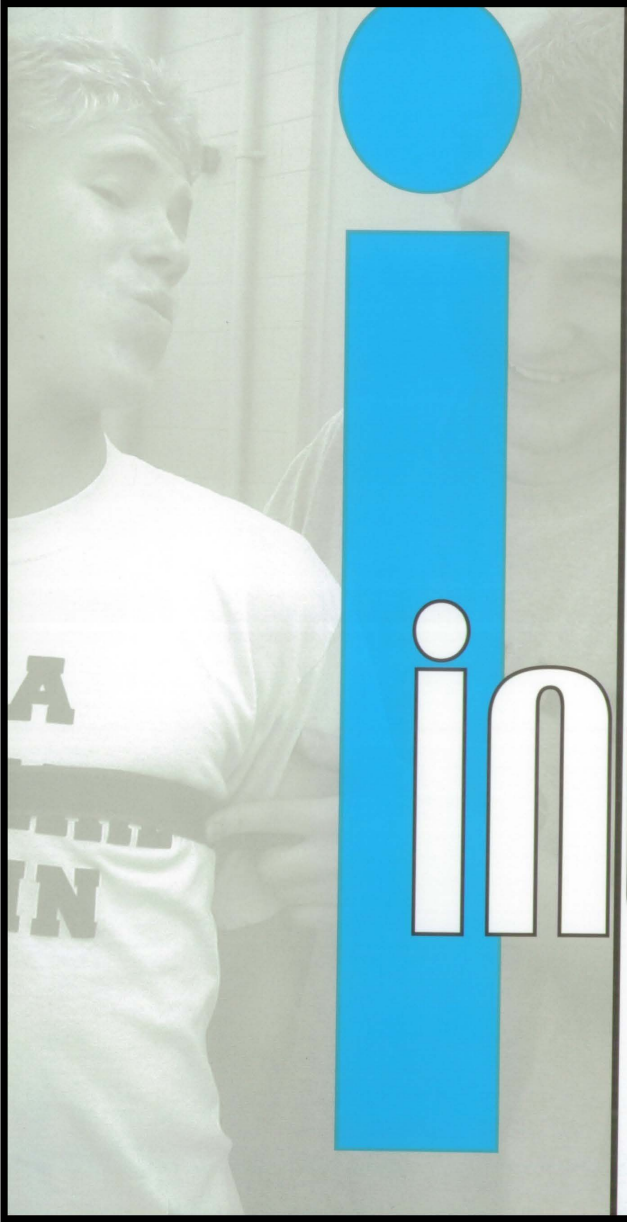
Seniors,

People say senior year is the best of the four.
And I couldn't agree more.
But where we were feel comforted and familiar.
We must leave at the end of the year.
Take the times we toiled and trivled.
And see what you can show the world.
Don't forget, you are still alive.
In the hearts of the class of '05.

With remembrance

Sonia Hingrajia

Valedictorian



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the same year just to have something to add to my UCLA college application was the best idea, but I quickly learned how motivating it could be. Meetings were on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but there was always that odd ball who would come on Wednesday. On our very first meeting, I got mixed up and started talking about my other club's eve It was pretty em ssing, but

Nancy brought a "Foldable Cock" (chicken, of course) made out of paper in from Chinese School. You never really know when something weird is going to happen, but I guess that's

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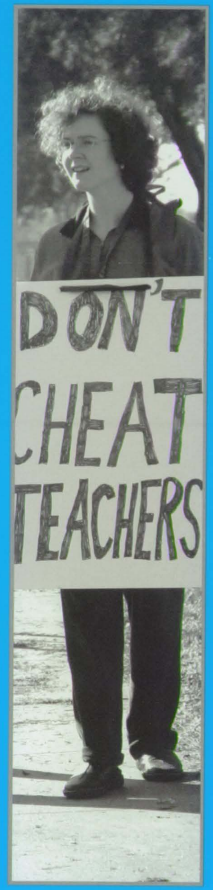
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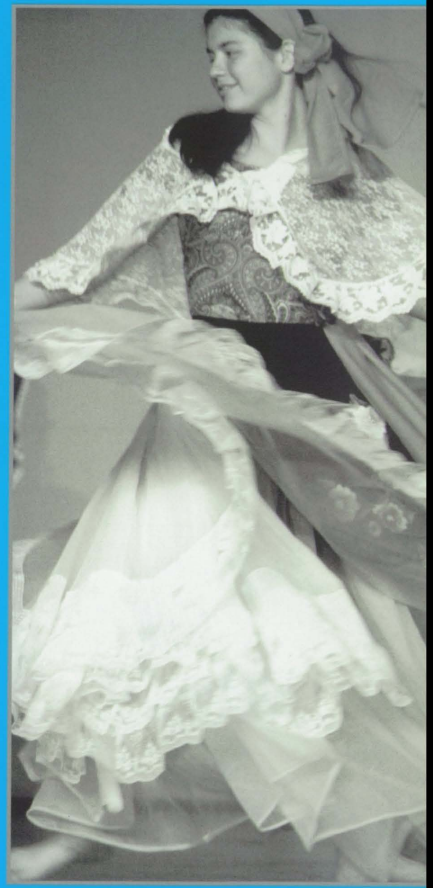

memory

In Memory of my Son

Where do I begin to tell the ones who didn't have a chance to know you? Who you were, who you still are to us: those you left behind. Do I begin with your artistic abilities? Your smile that could make the day right? And let's not forget those "baby blues" of yours...

You were not just my son - you were such a great friend to so many, including me. When you left me I wasn't sure how I was going to make it. It had been just you and I for 16 amazing years, but you left me in good hands. And what big hands they were - they carried me through just like you knew they would.

"Cody Boy", you will never be forgotten! You are spoken of often, with smiles and laughter. We always feel you with us.

This letter is for Cody, and to say "Thank You" to the guys with the big hands. They know who they are, and "I love you."

With all my love,
Cody's Mom

Cody Ledo

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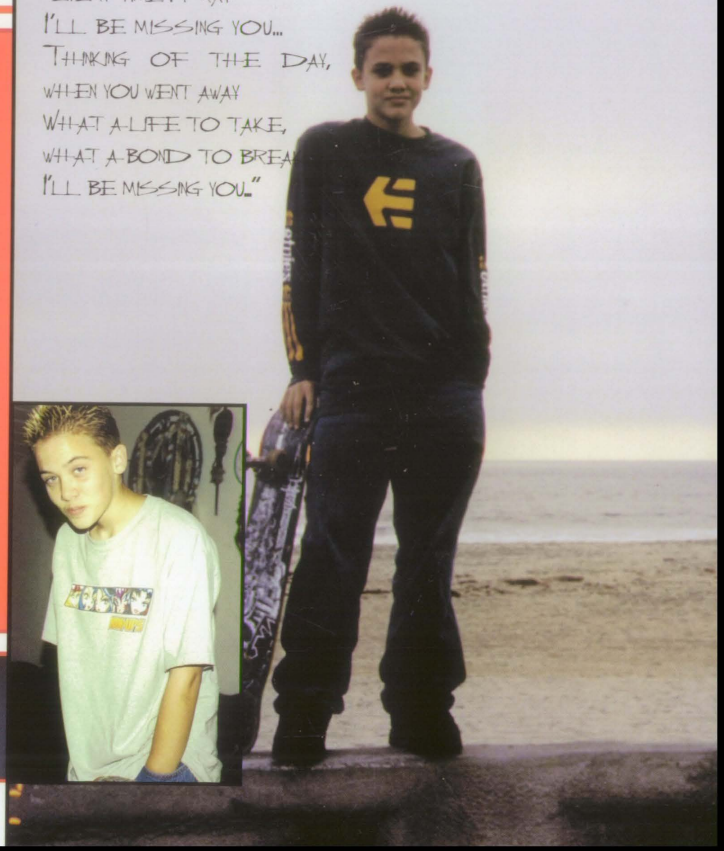
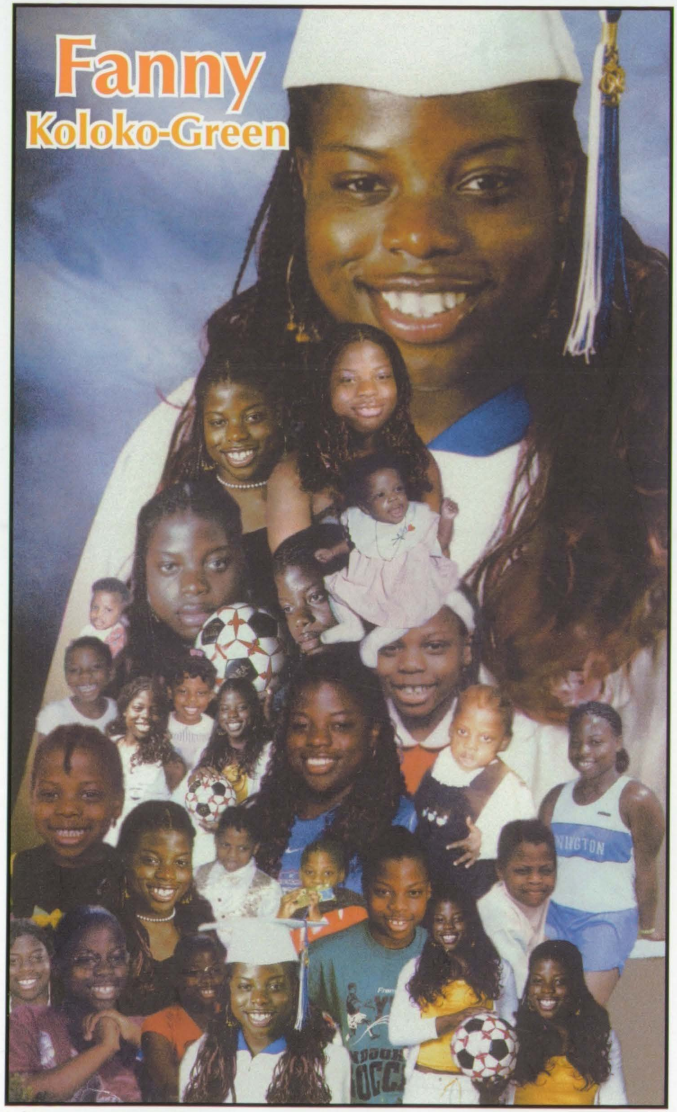
"EVERY SINGLE DAY,
EVERY TIME I PRAY
I'LL BE MISSING YOU...
THINKING OF THE DAY,
WHEN YOU WENT AWAY
WHAT A LIFE TO TAKE,
WHAT A BOND TO BREA
I'LL BE MISSING YOU."

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Nick Perlegos

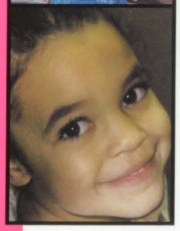
Dear **Nick**,

Con-**grad**-ulations!

You have been a wonderful son, a good brother, a good student, and an athlete with great football memories.

Good luck in college and on your future goals. As always, study hard, work hard, and stay happy.

With Love,
Mary, Gust, Pete, and Archie



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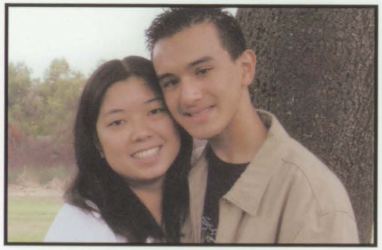
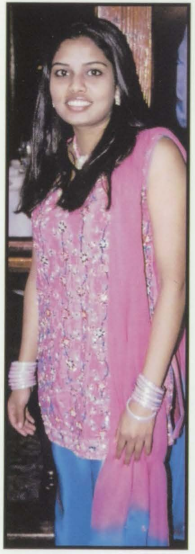
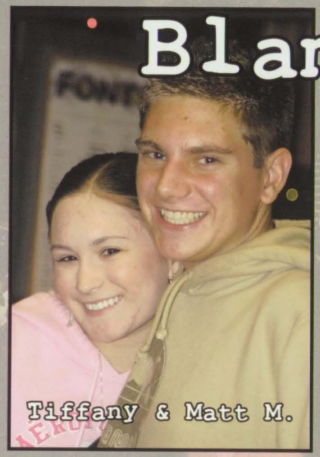




True friends are never apart
maybe in distance but never at heart

Blame Garrett!

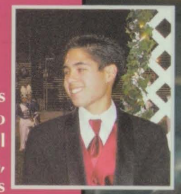


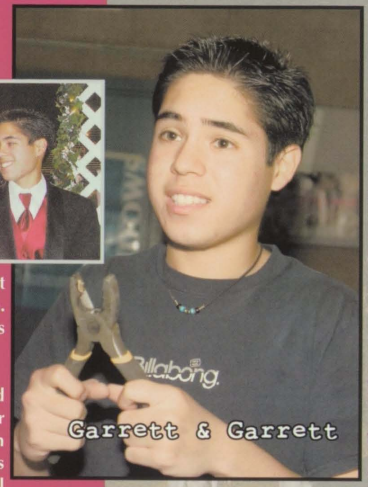
"It's *not* my job. I'm just doing it because I'm a **nice** guy!"
-Matt M.

That's right, kids.... when you find yourself trapped in a windowless room at 2:30 A.M., it's because ten hours earlier Garrett Santo decided that the whole section would look better if he designed it all over again. Nevermind that you have already "finished" the layouts, or that the pages were due AT the plant two weeks ago... BUT here's the thing: he's right. It does look better. And this book could not, would not look this HOT (as Nisat is always saying) if Garrett had ever needed to sleep. Perhaps he's really an android, or a clone. Even so, I'll be voting for him as President someday!

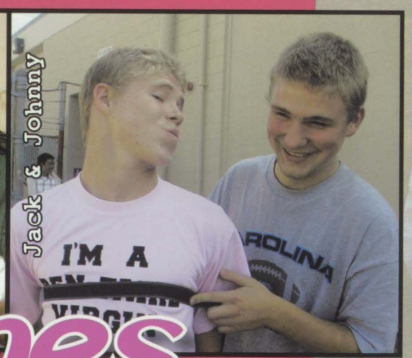
This sort of yearbook shenanigans is precisely why friends and colleagues told me I was crazy to take over the job literally minutes before the school year started. And they were right: I am crazy. But this is a good thing. Although this year has been the most stressful and sleep deprived year of my life, it has also been the most rewarding. This book is the tangible proof that it was all worth it - and as my first ever book it will always have a special place my memory.

So will the Seniors that took this journey with me - because it was their first yearbook as well. We learned, laughed and languished together. When seniors graduate, they take their places in the "Real World" as adults. These seniors, MY seniors, have proven they are not only ready, but prepared to take over! Watch out world, here they come....





"Are you **still** talking?"
-Garrett



Senior Wishes...

For Matt M. - a truly nice guy who didn't let cancer stop him from being the best-ever Pretend E.I.C. Take over for Jane when she retires. I'll see you next year! For Tiffany - an unflabbable gal who never had a hissy-fit, and kept Garrett in line (well, sort of); Empower yourself, empower women. Start a cosmetics empire. For Matt J. - who knows everything from HTML code to aromatherapy: you can help people. Become a motivational speaker and make millions! For Thuy -who overcame quiet studiousness to become a zany goofball: continue to break stereotypes! Become famous and guest host Saturday Night Live. For Jack - a master of photoshop and a great photographer: Conquer the world of journalism. Anchor my nightly news! For Miina - who came across an ocean to be on our staff: may your yearbook be like that magic mirror in Beauty & the Beast, to help you remember us always. But, come back and visit soon! For Johnny - who gave me respect and friendship from the beginning: Thank you, and keep smiling! For Brienne: Sometimes you do have to have cake & ice cream with his mom, but you'll survive! For Kyle: Life.... is life. (Kein Mitleid Für Die Mehrheit!) And Garrett, you better run for president someday!

From Ms. Denis, Supreme Dictator

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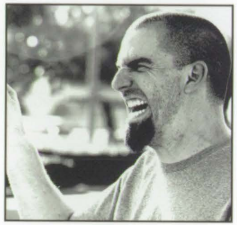

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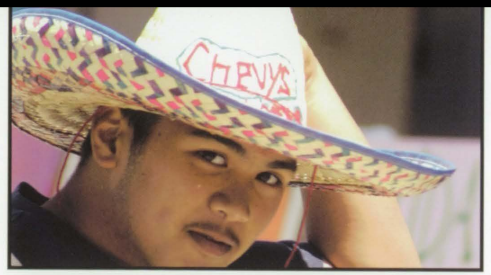

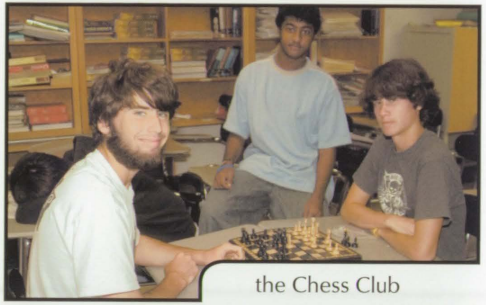

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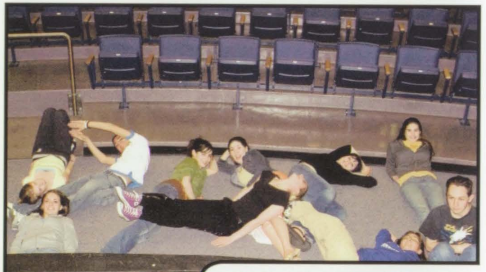

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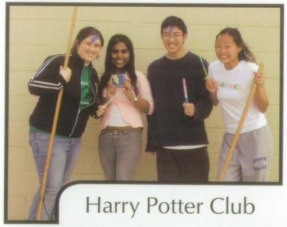

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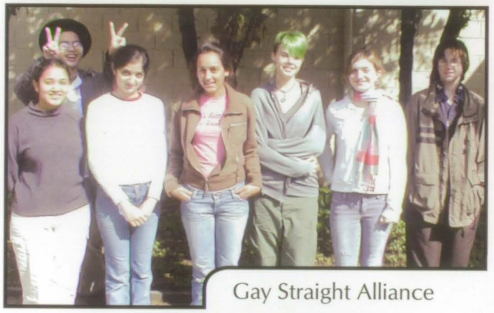

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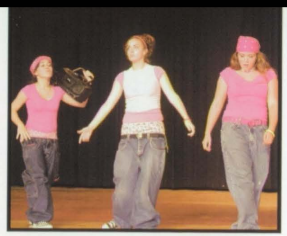

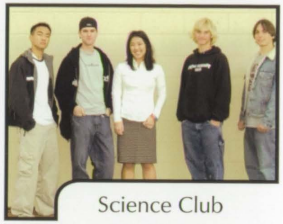

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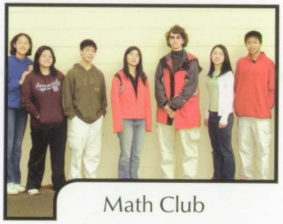

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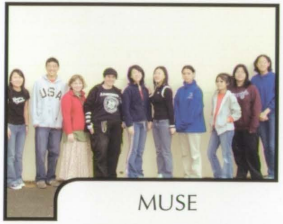

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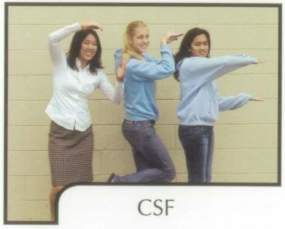

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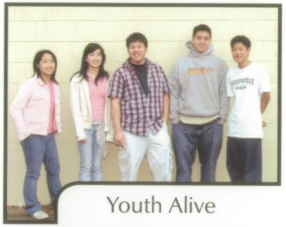

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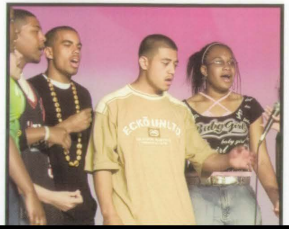

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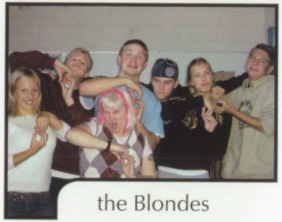

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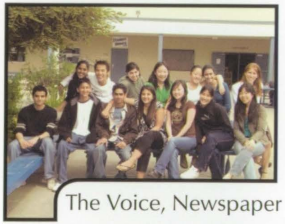

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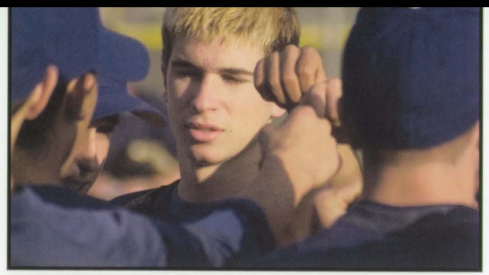

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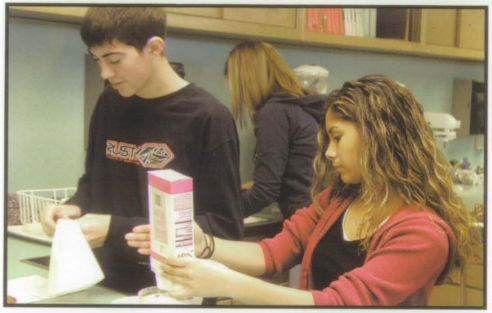

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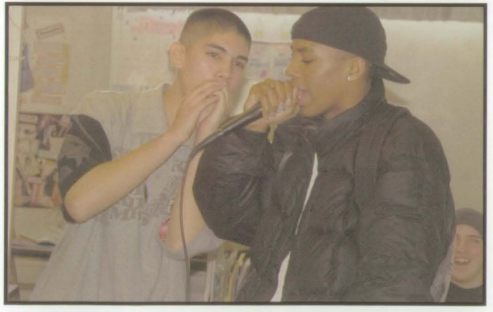

We did it!! I am speechless as I write this. We are in the process of finalizing the book and I am truly surprised we got this far. There were so many times through out the year where I honestly believed we would not get this book out on time, or worse, out at all.

There's so much I want to say but I couldn't possibly cover every funny moment, deadline, of you believe, heart, that because chemistry. Moon crazy, fun, You guys To Jack, hot blond good luck Matt M., me. Jovie bestest every inside joke, every and every staffer. All mean the world to me. I from the bottom of my this yearbook is a success of our friendship and team Since day one at Half Bay, I knew this would be a and unforgettable year. did not disappoint me. you will always be my #2 boy. Kevin and Jessica, next year! Make me proud. thanks for putting up with and Yvonne, you are the sophomores ever! I love you guys. The sophomore section is perfect! Tiffany, are you sure I can't have your autograph? No? Well I'll ask again. PLEASE?

Always Laughing

To Teri Hu, thank you for believing in me and giving me the opportunity to experience something so extraordinary. Yearbook has gone above and beyond defining my high school years.

To Ms. Kate Denis, it's been the hardest year possible. Everything that could go wrong, did. Thank you for not giving up and for being crazy enough to come back next year. We couldn't have done it without your support and persistence.

And lastly, to Garrett Santo. Garrett I'm still deciding whether I love or hate you. Trust me, it's a hard decision. Thank you for being fun, laid back, and adorable. Your constant redesigning was hard to put up with, but I'm glad I relented. You taught me to not stress, but more importantly, to see things from a more positive perspective. If you weren't so difficult to work with, I would say you made my year a lot easier. But as it is...

To next year's staffers: Don't be afraid to bend the rules! The best yearbooks are the ones in which creativity has no limits.

To all our readers: Keep the pictures, they never change. Only the people in them do.

Love always,

Nisat Choudhury

Hey Readers!

a note from the editors =)

It's like finger painting. The satisfaction of smothering your hands in the poster paints of overflowing paper-plates. The tingling sensation of the cold paint squeezing between your fingers. Most memorably, the smearing of color, covering every inch of your once bleak, average white piece of computer paper. And as you're ready to finish the adventure begins. The funny thing about finger painting is that you can never seem to keep the paint on your own two hands. Hand prints cover the table as you stand up, red covers the chair, green drips a trail on the carpet, and the sink handles go blue as you reach to turn on the water. It seems that no matter where you go, paint tracks follow. Imagine leaving those tracks permanently for the rest of your life; walking through a crowd with paint covered hands. Leaving poster paint stains of color on every person you pass in your life- eventually to walk out of a crowd covered in stains of influence yourself.

Dumpster Diving for Lost Quotes.

It all started with the magazine clipping of a purple couch. Now don't be fooled, this wasn't your average hand-me-down family sofa the dirty dog naps on. This wasn't just any lavender accented "settee" doused in an assortment of purple pillows. This COUCH was the inspiration and start of it all. Modern, comforting, and vibrant, we knew our yearbook pages had to reflect this couch. And thus, the uncontrollable splurge of epileptic color mixtures began.

To be honest, stumbling upon the magazine clipping was a complete accident, as was everything else in our book. From the random deleting of 50 pages, to the unexpected Photoshopping of our theme page, every mistake put us one step closer to a theme...

It is as we reach the closing of our yearbook that I glance back to where it all began, in awe of the amount I learned since the start. And most surprisingly, in awe of who I have learned from. Despite my unwillingness to admit it, I'll be walking away from the Dungeon with a small part of the staff largely intertwined into who I am. Learning that there is no "life threatening" situation that can't be laughed about and lived through. And above all, finding that when you want something bad enough in life, never to be embarrassed about stalking the opportunity.

We each walk around in our lives being influenced by the people around us; walking away from each experience having gained a few more colored stains then before. I truly thank the SAGA staff for a year of colorful memories and complementary lessons.

Hiiiiiiii (when I see you in the future),

garrett santo

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Largest layouts:
Senior Panoramic - 1.8 GB
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Colophon

SAGA Two Thousand Five

SAGA 2005, Volume 44, is a yearbook that is remarkable not because of how it looks, but rather the challenges faced while putting it together. In August there was a rumor circulating that there wasn't going to be a book. In one month, yearbook received an adviser, put together a complete staff, bought new computers, installed new software, and signed with a new printing company. Starting from the bottom, the entire book was created by a completely inexperienced staff. Finalizing the ladder in November and section styles in April, the staff was slightly behind other schools.

Our new company was none other than Herff Jones and their plant based in Logan, Utah. To our crazy representatives Jane Roehrig and Heidi Bryant: thank you a million and one times. Your support was one of the few things keeping us sane through the crazy deadlines. To Terri Schnell, thank you for letting us continually redo our pages. You're the bestest. =) And we couldn't forget Cody Edwards, for assistance with InDesign and tech support.

Underclassmen mugs, senior portraits, and various other photography, was done by Lifetouch/Prestige. A big thank you goes to Damon Crow, our Lifetouch rep, for his endless support with photography and cameras. We are also grateful to Robert Buchner of NW Photography for all the group shots of the numerous sports teams.

Despite the $16,000 debt we inherited (and are still paying off), SAGA increased the book to 242 full color pages, up from last year's 224. We also decided to do a landscape binding adding $3,500 to our printing bill. The cover is silk touch grey flannel with varnish, creating dual tones. The endsheets include black and silver ink. We also incorporated UV coating into pages 1-16 for the first time. The price of the book started at $60 at MAZE Day and gradually worked up to $75 at Distribution. Name stamps were available until February.

Special recognition goes to the IHS faculty who allowed us to continually interrupt classes to conduct interviews and take pictures. We assure you that it was absolutely necessary. Other recognitions go out to Mr. Jeff Fern, Ms. Linda Jackson-Whitmore, Ms. Julie Myers, and Ms. Summer Halverson, for assistance in Student Life, Athletics, Performing Arts, and photography. We would also like to thank Vice Principle, Mr. Dave Howell, for constantly supporting the Publications program.

And lastly, we couldn't have done it without our crazy, fun, and weird, yearbook adviser Ms. Kate Denis. Thank you for agreeing to take on our insane staff the day before school started. No one in their right mind would do it. But then again... you are far from normal. We're just kidding. Sort of.

More time, stress, tears, and effort, has gone into this book, than the average reader will ever realize. The missed deadlines, two in the morning workdays, and constant layout redesigning, are the real defining factors of SAGA 2005. This book is a true representation of Viking dedication and hard work.

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Irvington,

There is a good reason they call these ceremonies "commencement exercises." Gradation is not the end; it's the beginning. -Orrin Hatch

Until next time,

SAGA Staff 2005

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